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HERMISTON TOPS POLL

BY JOHN FIELD

Brisbane Lions' talented Scot, Jim Hermiston, was a convincing winner of the Wedgwood Bowl, the top individual award in the Philips Soccer League, at the ASPA-PHILIPS "Player of the Year" night in Sydney.

Staged at the Menzies Hotel and with the Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, in attendance, it was indeed a memorable night.

Among the several awards handed out, the Wedgwood Bowl was the greatest prize of all.

Voting was done every weekend during the PSL season by members of the Australian Soccer Press Association, but the votes were kept in sealed envelopes to preserve secrecy.

Hermiston, a Brisbane policeman, was a clear winner, polling 34 points. His nearest challengers were Agenor Muniz with 23.5, Phil O'Connor with 23 and Kenny Boden (19 points).

The Prime Minister made the presentation, revealing an unexpected interest in the code of Soccer plus a sense of humour with which his detractors have never credited him.

For instance, Mr Fraser, a keen Aussie Rules follower, said: "I am a supporter of Carlton. How many Carlton supporters are here tonight?"

From the audience, came the reply: "None!" To which the Prime Minister responded: "You mean one!"

On a more serious note, the distinguished guest expressed faith in the future of Soccer in this country when he said: "Australia will get to the top in this great game. It is only a question of when."

Mr Fraser also confessed that it would be the 3,000th century before Australian Rules is played around the world like Soccer!

That speech set the tone for the whole excellent evening in which all speakers excelled themselves. It was certainly a night to remember.

First presentation was the Umbro International prize

for the "Photographer of the Year" and it went to Melbourne's Les Shorrock. Les submitted an outstanding photo to win himself a trip to New Zealand.

"Referee of the Year" was the next award. The trophy, presented by Dunlop Footwear, went to Peter Rampley of Sydney, who had won in 1978. (Tony Boskovic was the 1979 winner.)

"The "Coach of the Year" trophy, presented by the Sydney Daily Mirror, was won by South Melbourne's John Margaritis, who narrowly edged out Sydney City's premiership-winning Eddie Thomson.

John Spanos was a popular winner as "Under 21 Player of the Year". His handsome trophy was presented by Soccer World newspaper.

Spanos, who has had a sensational debut season in the PSL, scored 33 points. He was followed home by Theo Selemidis (26), Ian Hunter (24), Peter Tredinnick (22.5) and Sergio Melta with 22 points.

And that just about wrapped up the festivities at the Menzies Hotel.

The Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) is indebted to all those generous people who presented prizes on the night.

Even more important, ASPA members were most grateful to Philips Industries, who paid for the magnificent dinner and to TAA, the Soccer airline, which again came to the party to fly many interstate visitors to Sydney for the function.

Once again, the Master of Ceremonies was the ABC's Martin Royal and we can pay him no greater compliment than to say Martin handled the function at his immaculate best.

JIM HERMISTON, THE
BRI SBANE POLICEMAN
WHO "COPPED"
THE BOWL.

SEE YOU
IN 1981

This is the final issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY for this year. That's why we decided to make it a super double value paper, with twice as many pages as usual.

We take the opportunity to thank all the thousands of Soccer lovers throughout Australia who supported A.S.W. in its first year of existence.

We particularly thank the many readers who took the trouble to write to us expressing their likes (and dislikes) in A.S.W. — the brightest newspaper in the sport.

We'll be back in late January, well rested, and keen to serve you in what should be an exciting 1981 Soccer season.

See you in 1981. THE EDITOR

TV COMES IN BIG

by Keith Gilmour

No less than 22 Australian TV channels have come in behind the 0-28 Network to present local Soccer telecasts in 1981.

Even better news is that more stations are still to complete negotiations to join the Soccer network.

Tennis ace John Newcombe, former England cricketer captain from South Africa Tony Greig, and Australian Olympic Council chairman Sid Grange have all offered their services to the World Youth Cup Organising Committee.

The Philips Cup final has been upgraded as a showpiece event.

It will be the pipe opener on Sunday September 27 at Bruce Stadium Canberra to the first round of the World Youth Championship matches for the Coca-Cola Cup the following Saturday in six major cities.



JOHN NEWCOMBE

These were some of the highlights of the Australian Soccer Federation meeting on Saturday, which also pointed to the immense difficulties the Philips Soccer League would experience.

if it attempted to start "summer Soccer" in late 1981.

Not only is there the saturation cover of the World Youth fixtures to consider for October, but if the Socceroos succeed in the World Cup preliminary round they face three home and three away matches which would effectively tie-up all November.

The bid by PSL chairman Frank Lowy to gain a seat for the League on the Australian Executive deserves immediate success.

Youth featured strongly in considerations, and deservedly so.

players, 11 are Australian-bred, and the ASF is investing \$35,000 in participation in Israel's Winter Tournament alone.

ASF Marketing Ltd is currently handling a sponsorship deal that will be the making of schoolboy Soccer throughout the nation.

And the expected Youth League in NSW and the ACT should be on foot next season, leading to a spread to other States by 1982.

On that basis, the 1986 World Cup squad will be Australianised ever further.

A magnificent tally of 64 youth players made application to enrol for the 18 places available to Soccer in the Australian Institute of Sport at Canberra early next year.

In three years time the benefits from that exercise should be enormous.



EDITORIAL

The World Youth Championships for the Coca Cola Cup are not due to kick-off in Australia until next October but it is surprising how soon the time will roll around.

Organising the championships will be a monumental task and there are already grave fears that the Australian Soccer Federation will not be able to cope.

It is one of those sporting occasions when everyone should be recruited to lend a hand. Not in six months time but starting right away. The summer break must not be regarded as a sleeping period during which everyone connected with Soccer can indulge in the luxury of a well-earned rest.

Probably the main task facing ASF Youth officer Brian Emery is in handling the media — particularly the overseas Press, radio and TV representatives.

There could be 400 media visitors to Australia in October. There may be even more. And Soccer which has stumbled along, making do with archaic communications arrangements for 100 years, is in no condition to handle such an influx.

Enormous improvements will have to be made at the several grounds which will stage Youth Championship fixtures. What has been tolerated by the Australian media will be treated with scorn and anger by our colleagues from abroad.

For instance, just take the simple matter of phone installation.

When Northern Ireland played Australia in Adelaide this year, there was just one telephone in the Press Box — and that was owned by a newspaper.

Malcolm Brodie, who was covering the match for the Belfast Telegraph — and had travelled 20,000 kilometres to do just that — managed to get permission to use a phone in the SA Federation secretary's office. Brodie was doing a running story, which meant he had to leave his seat missed about one-third of the game.

Brian Curran from the Sydney Morning Herald had an even more difficult job on that night in Adelaide. He, too, had to phone his paper while the match was in progress. Curran found a public call box some distance away, outside the Hindmarsh Stadium. He missed more of the match than Malcolm Brodie.

This is not meant to be an attack on the Adelaide set-up. What happened at Hindmarsh Stadium that night might have happened at most other Soccer grounds in Australia. It is just not good enough. Press boxes without phones are like cars without steering wheels or guitars without strings. They are useless.

Nobody suggests that Australia should get its Coca Cola Cup arrangements organised on the scale of a West Germany or an Argentina. But give a Press man a telephone that works and you are 75 per cent of the way to keeping him happy.

Nothing is more frustrating than to have a story ready to transmit but no way to send it.

There has been some liaison between the ASF and the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) on the staging of the World Youth titles. Much more will have to be done in the forthcoming months.

For our part, ASPA will do everything possible to make things work satisfactorily next October. But time is the great enemy. The next 11 months will fly by.

OCTOBER TO MAY WILL IT WORK?

By Keith Gilmour

That fateful decision on whether the Philips Soccer League will change from the present season to October-May is set down for decision next March.

Dare we hope that all stops are out in a campaign to fossick out all the necessary questions and answers that will lead to the right decision being made.

There was more than an element of rashness in the announcement that dropped the bomb on September 16.

At the same time the professional promotion of the PSL Grand Final in Canberra reinforces the possibility that ASF Marketing are gearing up to arrive with an in-depth survey.

Personally I see certain advantages in the promotion of soccer as an entertainment over the October-May period if it comes to pass.

One is the lesser degree of media competition by other sports over the period in question.

Cricket, tennis and so on in their current context are not comparable with Australian Rules and Rugby League in focussing interest on their sports.

Not even England or the West Indies cricke-



BRUCE STADIUM - GRAND FINAL VENUE

ters can bring the publicity and box office that they did in their hey-day.

There is a limited amount of talk about building up the Sheffield Shield, but the facts are that its TV exposure is being downgraded to help the relatively minor international visits that will come here this summer.

Television in high quality is to-day's necessity for soccer, with back-up from the written and radio medias.

It seems that with the arrival of the 0 Network

we can look to many improvements in this department.

That 18 other stations participated in the telecast from Canberra is highly significant, and now the Rugby League boys are talking of playing a City-Country game at Bruce Stadium.

Another particular advantage is that October-May can be more readily geared to provide continuity of weekly PSL matches, a factor that is ruinous in the normal season.

Any national soccer league in Australia must find it intolerable to have continual hold-ups for international and overseas club team games.

Club football loyalties depend upon continual exposure and high playing and promotional standards.

A change of this nature depends so much upon the expertise of the people who are doing the planning.

I have always regarded Saturday night football as the potential winner for soccer, and this would be a natural extension of the changed season concept.

The arguments against playing in the hotter season are well documented, but the season contemplated takes in two spring months, three summer and three autumn.

The Australian public has largely turned thumbs down on night football in winter. They are not prepared to wear what is the norm in the colder climes of Britain and Europe.

But of course you get coaches who poo-hoo summer soccer, and then say they will run their players five days a week from mid-November!

Any move to introduce the public to a changed season has its hazards, but that is where professional

promotion comes in.

It could lead to increasing professionalism from the players, and that would pick up the standard of play so that soccer is fully competitive with the top sports.

Widely-based community clubs could arrive at last, and franchising if it comes could lead to a new concept in the proper development of the sport.

PSL chairman Frank Lowy has pointed to the building of players in the proposed youth

leagues as the vital spark in building standards.

The current unearthing of youngsters of potential after a period of unbridled immigration points in this direction.

Obviously if a change comes then juniors and schools will stick to their regular seasons along with State Leagues and the amateur wing of the code.

Many other factors would be involved — improved lighting at key grounds, overcoming the Christmas-New Year period and so on.

The way could also be open to many migrants and their families who have abandoned the game to come back.

But it is the young generation who are needed for progress.

If the signs turn out to be limited then indications must be to retain the present season.

A preview of the final report by ASF Marketing to the PSL would be of great interest when the time arrives.

DANGERS OF TV SOCCER

By Tom McKain

MORTON'S SHOPPING TOUR FOR WOLLONGONG

By Keith Gilmour

Wollongong City coach Ken Morton has an appointment in Manchester early this month with a player he is especially keen to sign for Wollongong's PSL line-up.

A midfielder with the ability to inspire any Philips League team, he is currently travelling each week to play with Cork City in Ireland.

Over the past few weeks Morton has been working to put together his team. He vetted local players again at a recent charity game.

"I had hopes of securing Mike Milovanovic from Canberra, but his demands were too high, and Craig Mason decided on another season with Newcastle," Morton said before leaving for London.

Canberra were asking in the order of \$15,000 for Milovanovic and were prepared to play a special match in Wollongong to enable the club

to cover the balance of the fee.

Wollongong City has completed all arrangements with their two sponsors, Westfield Ltd and Wollongong Leagues Club.

The sponsorships and life memberships has realised \$100,000.

Morton is due back in Wollongong on November 24, and will then move his wife and children up from Hobart.

Due to the early PSL commencement in February he has the herculean task of bringing his players to match fitness in double quick time.

A week in Narrabeen National Fitness camp will do wonders for the players in early January.

While Australian Soccer administrators have been busting their guts to get the game on television, English clubs are now wondering if it's such a good idea.

Some club administrators are reported to have banned TV cameras from their grounds.

Certainly the British fan is well catered for compared to his Australian counterpart — highlights from six top games every weekend.

It has been suggested that the fans will not get out of their lounges and into the grounds if they can see what they want at home.

One official was quoted as saying TV Soccer should be rationed or banned completely.

While backing TV coverage of Australian matches, we feel that it can do more harm than good if it is not properly presented, or if it features dull matches in front of small crowds with no atmosphere.

Having been involved in the previous telecasting of PSL matches, I know only too well how easy it is to be trapped with what looks a certain crowd-pleaser only

to be landed with a disaster.

One game in particular was Adelaide City at home to Sydney City, then Eastern Suburbs.

It turned out a large yawn from start to finish, and had to be edited almost out of sight to justify being included in the program.

If the games come over as flops on TV we will not attract the thousands of potential fans who stayed away this year.

TV may bring in sponsorship for clubs but it could also kill our game if it is played alongside overseas matches.

I have long maintained that the UK Match of the Day-type program made our games look so amateurish that people stayed away in droves, and only fronted when a British team toured Australia.

Unless we can come up with some first class matches for TV, or television can make our games look first class, Australian Soccer could die a death because of the small screen.

SOCER'S BIG NIGHT

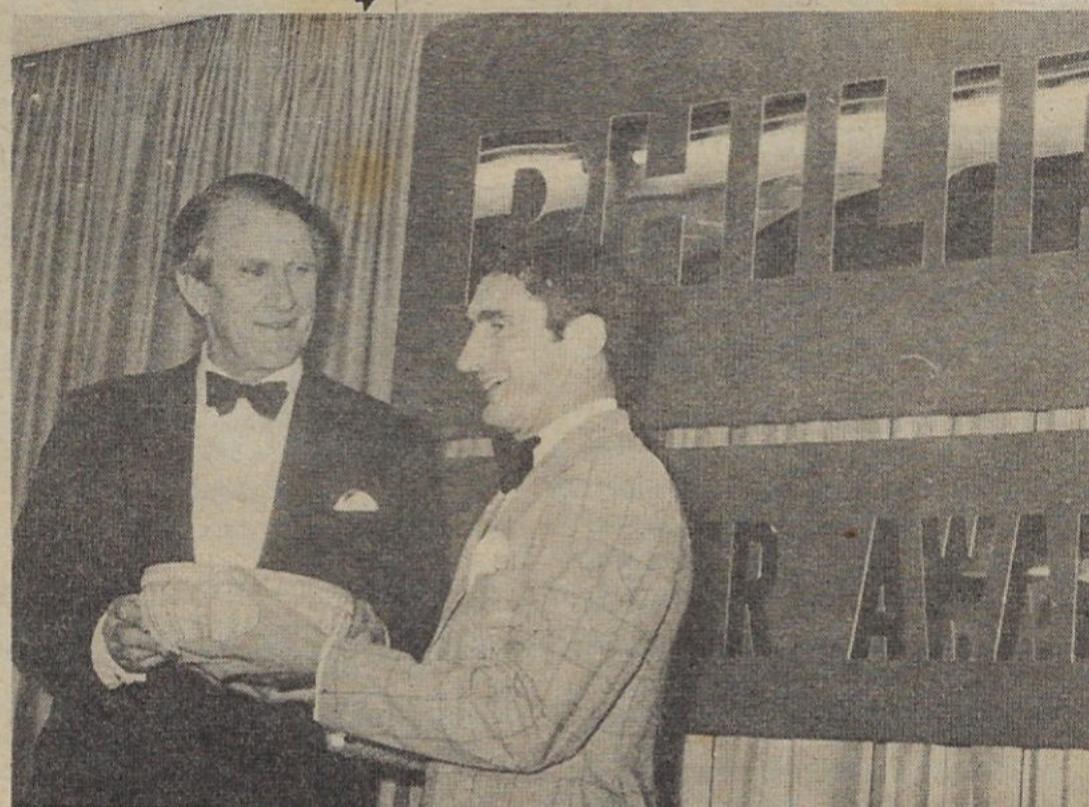
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PICTURES



Distinguished
guests Sir Arthur
George and Prime
Minister Malcolm
Fraser applaud a
speech.



Marconi president
Tony Labbozetta
proudly holds the
Philips Cup.



The Prime Minister
and Jim Hermiston
seem to be enjoying a
Scottish joke.



Trophy winners with
their prizes... from
left, John Spanos, Jim
Hermiston, Peter
Rambley and John
Margaritis.

WHY NOT AN AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONS AND CUP WINNERS CUP?

By Peter Georgiou

Cup.

There is of course some international activity with touring teams. But so far those teams showed us very clearly that they are tourists, very tired tourists and play only with national or state teams.

One might argue that European teams are classes above ours but who can tell what an Australian champion can do against a team from overseas?

How good are Sydney City and Marconi against other champions and cup winners? No one

can answer that because they were never given that chance.

Alex Vesic said earlier this month that we need coaches. I totally agree. But how are we going to make a coach from Europe come to Australia?

As strange as it might seem money is not all a coach is after. He's also after recognition local and international. Prestige also.

Australian clubs can not offer such things to overseas coaches because they have no international competition. There is no space at

the moment, for international recognition for players (unless they go to England asking to be tried), for clubs and their coaches.

So why can't we start an AUSTRALASIAN-CHAMPIONS AND CUP WINNERS CUP

If the proposition is made I'm sure that enough countries will be interested in participating.

It can be done and it will create a whole new space for the marketing boys who try to promote the game.

At international level it would create an interest among players, coaches and spectators.

When Australia went to Germany in 1974 that international success sparked the interest of the sports fans.

An Australasian Champions Cup and Cup winners Cup will revive that interest in soccer.

And that's what everybody up in the high seats wants. A bigger interest in soccer for the Australian sports fan.

I think with such an international competition that can be achieved and more fans will come to see our champs and have an interest also in the local game.

The game needs more people. But people want games with interest and good soccer, not fancy signs on electronic boards, marching girls and clubs changing names.

So how about this international competition in the Australian zone?

By now all competitions in Australia, championship, cup, Four's Cup have been completed, with the exception of yet another cup in Victoria.

This year's Soccer season in Australia has ended.

For those who finished last, remains the agony if they are to stay in the national league or not.

For those who finished somewhere away from the relegation zone remains the reckoning and the plans for a better season next year.

But what about the champions and the Cup winners?

Next to this year's trophies, on the clubs mantlepiece, lies also the a question. What

happens now?

The answer to this is: Nothing happens. Everything stops while in Europe, for instance, the Big Competition starts after the season's end. In fact it goes through the next season.

I'm referring of course to competitions like European champions and Cup winners Cups.

The two major money and prestige winners for European clubs, players and soccer in general.

All those teams who are national champions have something to show to the soccer fans of another country. And so they do, through those competitions.

To whom the Australian Champions will show what they've achieved? Now begins the question.

Another Cup winner to challenge Marconi?

There is nothing available for our champs to show how good they are, to be challenged by someone to gain international reputation and experience.

Of course we have, apart from the Philips Cup, some other insignificant local cup competitions, too many of them in fact, who bore the crowd to tears and that's all we have. Nothing else.

For years Australia has been isolated from international competition except the World

— THESE ARE AUSTRALIA'S —

By Alex Vesic

In two days time, the Australian international squad flies out of Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport for tour matches in Greece, England, Tunisia, Italy, Israel and Indonesia.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf has placed his faith in young players, with a sprinkling of experience.

It is a most important tour for everyone involved because next year's Australian side for the World Cup eliminations will be sorted out while the players are away.

Inevitably, some will fall by the wayside. Others will confirm their places in the World Cup party.

When the tourists return to Australia in early December, they will certainly be more mature and better able to cope with the huge task facing them in next year's World Cup bid.

Now let A.S.W. introduce you to the players:—

GREG WOODHOUSE

Still one of the youngest keepers in Australia but already with a number of games in the international jersey, Woodhouse reigns supreme between the posts. He was in the Australian Youth squad in Paraguay, two years ago, and since made his way into the national side. His agility in the penalty area and great reflexes are a delight to watch.

ALAN MAHER

"Spider" returns to the Australian team after a long absence. Under the guidance of Ron Corry, Marconi's keeper had an outstanding season that brought him to the attention of the national coach. At the age of 29, Alan is still a "baby" according to the international age standard for the best keepers.

STEVE PERRY

Another Australian-born player who

has become a regular in this team. At 26, Perry has a long way to go and if consistency wins a place in the national team, he will play many more games in the green and gold jersey. He is also a regular member of the Queensland State side.

JIM TANSEY

English-born and son of a former Everton full-back, Tansey came into the side after a dramatic move to have him naturalised a few years ago in Fiji. His consistency in Philips League games for Heidelberg Utd as well as in internationals has him well in with Rudi Gutendorf. Full-back, but according to Gutendorf, he could easily find a spot in central defence.

JOHN YZENDOORN

Midfielder or defender? A happy choice. One of the finds of the 1980



MURRAY BARNES...
AUSTRALIA'S CAPTAIN

season, John Yzendoorn has thoroughly deserved his promotion to international rating this year. An exciting young player who was signed by Heidelberg United from Prahran Slavia in Melbourne in a deal which also took Jamie Paton to the Bergers for a package \$20,000.

Yzendoorn can play in defence or midfield. He is a regular in the Victorian State side and is certainly a player of the future as far as Australia is concerned.

IVO PRSKALO

Captain of Marconi and Australian Player of the Year in 1979, Prskalo is still riding the crest of the wave. Rudi Gutendorf is still firm in his admiration and keeps Prskalo in the central defensive spot in his team. "There is no one about



Gary Cole and England's Frank Lampard (beard) in action in the Centenary international at the S.C.G. this year.

at the moment who can fill his boots," commented Rudi recently.

He is a picture of consistency and certainly one of the fittest players in this side. Born in Yugoslavia, an ex-player of Velez Mostar, the Yugoslav first division team.

JOHN SPANOS

This youngster came from Western Australia to Sydney City and became an instant success. His coach, Eddie Thomson, decided to try him in defence where he played admirably, then switched him to attacking midfielder, which the young man found a trifle strange. John will find it difficult to break into this side, but knowing Rudi and his incessant love for younger players, I believe the young Spanos stands a reasonable chance of playing in at least a couple of games.

ARNO BERTOGNA

Another lad from Western Australia who is surely destined for a long international future. Represented Western Australia before "migrating" to NSW and Newcastle K.B. He had short stints with Eintracht Frankfurt and also Sheffield Wednesday during a study tour of Europe and at 21 is being groomed to replace the veteran Ivo Prskalo.

ALAN DAVIDSON

Another young man and yet another local product Rudi Gutendorf is grooming for stardom. Started as midfielder, but Davidson changed his position this year to become one of the best full-backs in the country and certainly one of the biggest contributors to South Melbourne's meteoric rise.

However, with Jim Tansey holding the left back spot, it is difficult to see Rudi moving Tansey into central defence to make way for Davidson.

TONY HENDERSON

The man who played on three continents, described by some as Australia's "Beckenbauer", Henderson has yet to achieve his full potential. Groomed in the Soccer hotbed of Tyneside, Hendo played in South Africa before moving to Australia and Canberra City. In 1977 was voted Canberra's Player of the Year, before moving to Marconi and eventually the national team.

KEN BODEN

Kenny started his career with Sheffield United, then moved to Scunthorpe, and Doncaster before coming to Australia to join Newcastle K.B. In the initial Philips Soccer League season was voted Player of the Year and also topped the goal-scoring honours. Since then, Kenny, nicknamed "Magic", has always been one of the front runners in the goalscoring department and on the short list for the Socceroos.

MURRAY BARNES

Kuringai junior, Murray has had a brilliant career to date. He played the NSW Under 16 team before joining Sydney City (then Hakoah). His height, tenacity, and "never give up" attitude has earned him Australian Under 23 caps as well as full international honours. At 26, Murray Barnes is still a young man promising so much for his country.

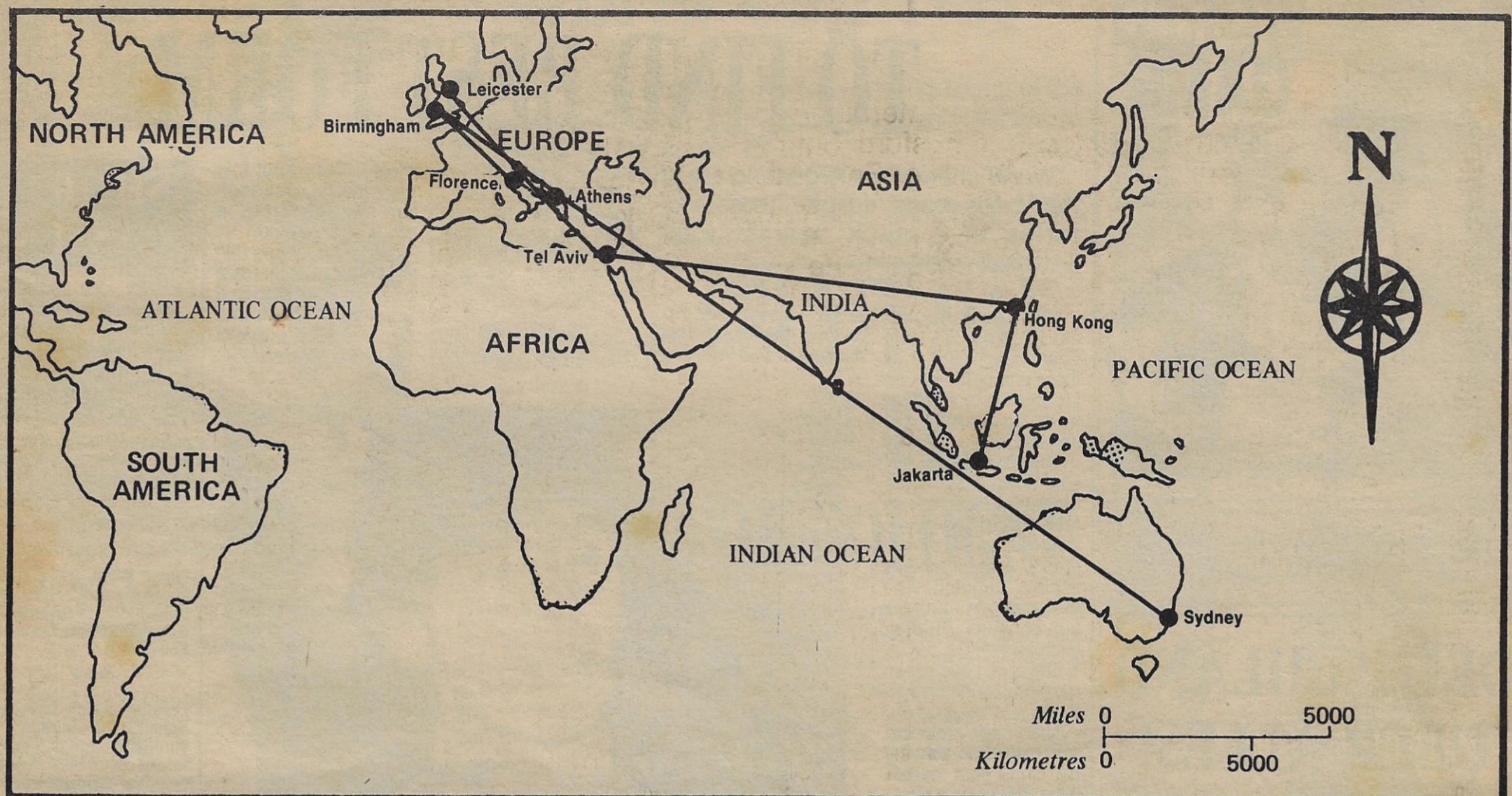
THEO SELEMIDES

Another local product who has a lot of potential yet to develop into the ability of a true international. Under the guidance of seasoned campaigner, Jimmy Rooney, Theo has become the backbone of Heidelberg Utd this season. It is ironic that the youngster should replace his tutor in the national side and possibly signal the end of the international road for Rooney.

EDDIE KRNEVIC

The star of the Youth side only 18

-PLAYERS FOR THE WORLD TOUR-



months ago is now a regular member of the national team. His meteoric rise from the Essendon Croatia team in Melbourne to Australia's champions Marconi and the National team was noticed abroad and a number of European sides have been trying for Eddie's services. It is to be hoped that the youngster will remain loyal to Australia till the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

MARK JANKOVICS

Last year's top goal-poacher finished second on the list of scorers this year. His tireless legs and killer instinct combine to perfection to give this youngster a well deserved tag of Australia's Gerd Mueller. His speed, ability in the air and "perfect nose" for goalscoring situations are a must in the Australian side.

PETER SHARNE

Certainly the most exciting Soccer player in Australia. Voted the best player in NSW by the Australian Soccer Press Association only a week ago, and last year finished second to his team mate Ivo Prskalo. His electrifying speed makes him one of the most feared Soc-

cer players in Australia as opposing full-backs will testify. He is another being sought by foreign clubs.

GARY COLE

Introducing the Philips League record-holder for goals scored in League matches since the inception of the League. He is also the record holder for the number of goals scored in one season (21 in 1980). His three goals in the recent grand final against Sydney City are a testimony to his speed, sharp-shooting and most of all being at the right place at the right time. An ex-Londoner, Cole has made his mark in Australia and is deservedly in the Australian national team.

JAMIE PATON

An opportunist in front of goal, Jamie has scored 15 goals for the season and stands third best in the League for 1980. His understanding with Gary Cole prompted Rudi Gutendorf to omit Phil O'Connor. Paton hails from Scotland and played for Prahran Slavia before moving to Heidelberg Utd with John Yzendoorn.



Greg Woodhouse

MARTYN CROOK

Most unlucky not to be catching the plane for the tour on Thursday. Crook, English-born, has had an outstanding season for West Adelaide and looked sure to be either number two goalkeeper to Woodhouse or even number one. Had a great game for Australia against Northern Ireland in Adelaide since when he has been surprisingly overlooked.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER TOUR

MATCH DATES

TUESDAY NOV. 11 v Greece in Athens.
MONDAY NOV. 17 v England "B" in Birmingham.
WEDNESDAY NOV. 19 v Fiorentina in Florence.
MONDAY NOV. 24 v Leicester City in Leicester.
TUESDAY DEC. 2 v Israel in Tel Aviv.
FRIDAY DEC. 5 v Hong Kong in Hong Kong.
SUNDAY DEC. 7 v Indonesia in Jakarta.

*It is hoped to arrange one more match, about Thursday Nov. 27

JIM CAMPBELL

One of the major reasons for Heidelberg United's success this season, Campbell works particularly well with Jimmy Rooney and Theo Selemides, giving Heidelberg a fearsome midfield combination. Although he is essentially a creator, Campbell also has the ability to finish off moves when he gets into the goalscoring action.

STEVE HOGG

Hogg is one of several talented young players to emerge from Canberra's Youth development programme. A midfielder, he decided to move to Queensland for University studies and was quickly snapped up by Brisbane Lions. Was edged out of the original tour squad by late selection Jamie Paton.

That is the list of tourists. What about those that missed the boat?

Martyn Crook, David Jones, Jim Muir, Gary Byrne, Agenor Muniz, John Coyne, Phil O'Connor, Zdravko Lujic, Ian Hunter, Jimmy Rooney . . . etc. etc.

It is difficult to believe that Rooney or Muir will ever get back into the national side. Not because of their Soccer ability. Far from it, they are both fine players, but age stands against them.

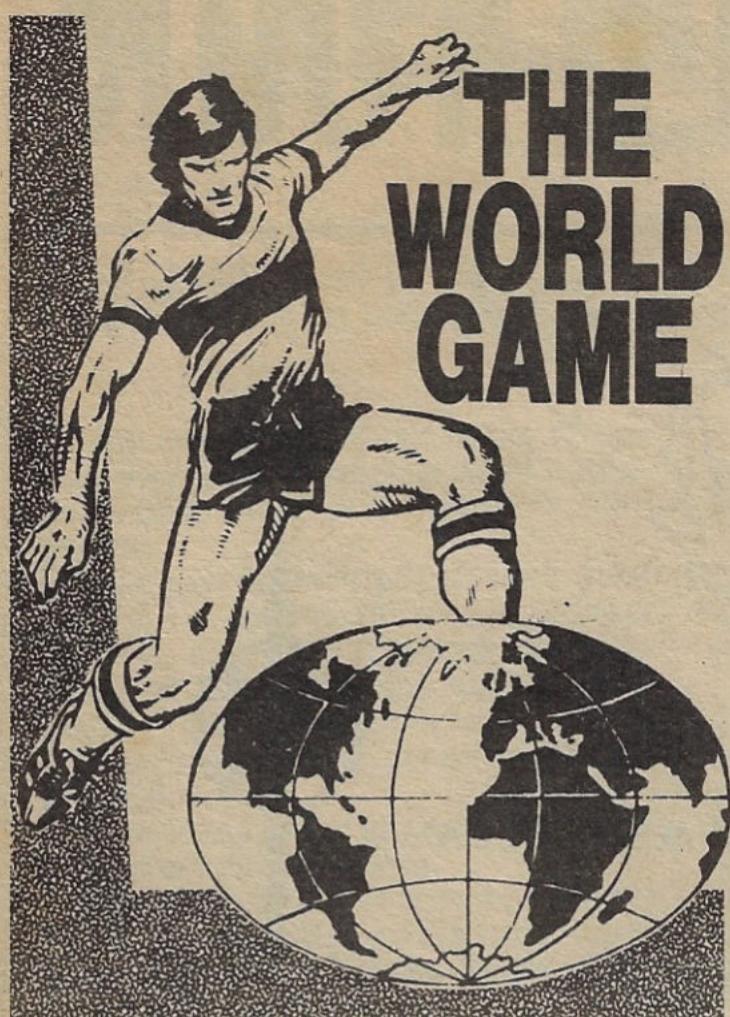
Martyn Crook, David Jones and Ian Hunter will certainly get their chance in future. Of that I am sure.



Peter Sharne



IVO PRSKALO



Compiled by our European correspondent Jack Paul

DEUTSCHLAND UBER ALLES!

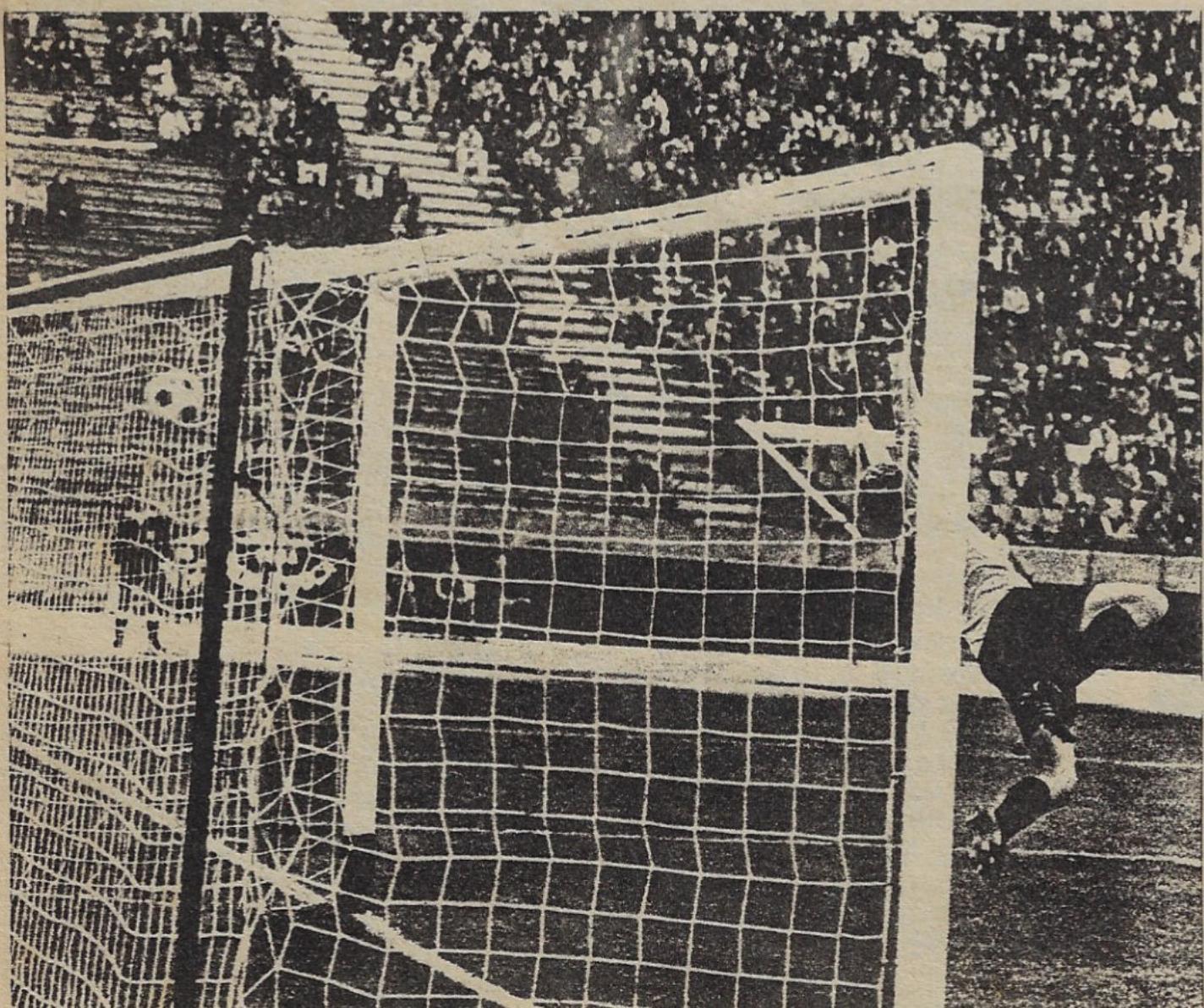
New York Cosmos' German coach Hennes Weisweiler, who was previously in charge of top German clubs Borussia Moenchengladbach and FC Cologne, claims that "the Bundesliga is the best League in the world."

He says it combines the three most important aspects of modern football, commitment, discipline and playing intelligence.

"Other Leagues only have at most two of those qualities" he said.

As if intent on proving Herr Weisweiler correct, all seven German clubs qualified for the second round of the various European cups with only FC Cologne in any serious risk of not reaching the third round of the UEFA Cup.

A RED STAR EXAMPLE



In a recent English first division match between Crystal Palace and Norwich, Palace's Allen had a goal disallowed after the ball rebounded back out from an iron bar positioned inside the net. The referee mistakenly believed the goal post and not the "V" shaped bar was in the way of the shot.

ARGENTINA STRUGGLING TO FIND BEST FORM

World champions Argentina are at the cross-roads despite three victories in a week against East European sides.

They beat Bulgaria 2-0, Poland 2-1 and Czechoslovakia 1-0 as they prepared for the Mundialito in Uruguay from December 26-January 12.

The Mundialito, or Mini-World Cup, is being held to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the World Cup and will reunite all past winners except England who are unable to make the trip because of their league priorities.

England have been replaced by the Netherlands.

The Argentinians, who were also held 2-2 by Chile last month, have been so unconvincing that the Press has taken them to task pointing out that they play only as well as the national hero Diego Maradona does — or is allowed to.

Daniel Passarella, captain of the victorious 1978 side, is still at the heart of a defence that now lacks any authority against sustained attacking.

Maradona, for whom Barcelona were willing to pay a king's ransom

until Cesar Menotti vetoed the move, has tended to skip from one

extreme to another.

He either over-indulges his fabulous talent on every opponent he can or restricts himself to the role of a provider.

It is in the latter role that he has proved the

more effective but it is clear that he needs better support from a struggling midfield.

Menotti is hoping that his policy of gradual change, bleeding youngsters alongside experienced players will prove successful.

SHORT PASSES

Colombia has officially accepted the role of host for the 1986 World Cup.

The announcement was made by the president of the Republic, Julio Cesar Turbay, who rubber-stamped the recent decision to accept the hosting of the Mundial by a parliamentary study group.

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"Inter Milan are a class above the rest. I no longer think highly of Juventus", so speaks Paolo Rossi on Italian T.V.

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For the match between Schalke and Stuttgart a surplus charge of 1 mark (about 50c) was levied. For this, spectators were treated to an exhibition boxing match at half-time.

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The English F.A. is likely to turn down an invitation for an international with Argentina in Buenos Aires on December 20.

The Argentinians have already arranged friendlies in December against the Soviet Union and Paraguay as part of their preparation for the Mundialito.

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Kurt Niedermayer, West Germany's new libero, isn't lacking in confidence. "I am a man of the future", he declared after his first international match against the Netherlands in Eindhoven (1-1).

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Jupp Derwall, West German team coach, does not have a high opinion of American soccer. "Musical-comedy football" is what he called it recently.

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Cesare Maldini, former Milan player and coach has been appointed assistant to Italy's national coach Enzo Bearzot.

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To fully acquaint himself with his adversaries, Brazil's coach Tele Santana will visit Europe this month to see the World Cup matches between Italy and Yugoslavia and between Belgium and the Netherlands.

He will be checking on the form of the Italians and the Dutch, a mere six weeks before the start of the Mundialito.

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Seven players and the team manager of Zambian club team Pro Fund Warriors were killed in a road accident 37 miles north of Lusaka.

The team was on the way home following a 2-0 victory over Lubengele United in a league match.



ARGENTINA'S 'Wonder Boy' Diego Maradona

URUGUAY HOPING FOR A COMEBACK

Uruguay, these days little more than a minor Soccer power, are hoping to return to better times when the "Little World Cup" (Mundialito) is held in Montevideo.

The Uruguayan Federation has offered its players \$10,000 each if they win the competition, \$5,000 if they are runners-up and a bonus of \$200 per point.

Their two most recent international matches (both 0-0 draws) against Chile and Brazil showed the

"Sky blues" to have a more than competent defence but rather inept forwards.

Coach Roque Maspoch hopes to straighten out any problems this month with matches scheduled against Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Mexico.

Jupp Derwall doesn't like American Soccer, which for a while looked like robbing Europe of German ace Bernd Schuster.

"It's musical — comedy football" he said.

When Canada played the Irish League in St. Johns, Newfoundland, the Canadians, travelling from Vancouver, had a longer distance to travel than the Irish who had crossed the Atlantic!

★ ★ STAR INTERVIEW ★ ★

KAREL RODNY TALKS TO DAVID JACK

One of the great survivors of Australian Soccer — that's how the ABC's Martin Royal described Karel Rodny when he introduced him to guests at the Australian Soccer Press Association's big NSW Presentation Night.

It was an apt description. Because Mr Rodny is one of those characters who appears always to have been involved in the sport. He is not everybody's cup of tea. Indeed, he probably has more detractors than most Soccer administrators — yet Karel Rodny survives. Clearly, he must have more friends than enemies!

Why is the president of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs unpopular in some quarters? That's easy to answer. He speaks his mind. If he doesn't agree with some-

thing in the game, he'll say so. And not always discreetly at a Federation meeting. More often the Rodny blast will be felt via newspaper headlines! I don't think he deliberately seeks publicity, but he seems to attract it.

In this final issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY before the summer break, I put some curly questions in Mr. Rodny's direction. He didn't duck for cover once. He answered the lot.

QUESTION: You seem pretty dogmatic about the way promotion and relegation is handled in the Philips

League. Why?

ANSWER: Promotion and relegation is essential for the welfare of Soccer. A relegated team MUST be relegated. It is accepted all over the world and I see no justification for the PSL to devise its own peculiar handling of the situation.

Q: At times, you have been accused of being anti-PSL. Is this an accurate assessment?

A: I am not against the Philips League. I have always supported it but I certainly don't like the way some PSL clubs are run.

Q: How do you visualise the future of the PSL?

A: Under the present set-up, I cannot see it enjoying a long and prosperous life. It is not a happy situation when gate takings do not cover 25 per cent of a club's expenditure. Many clubs are living beyond their means. They pay inflated transfer fees. I've heard of players getting up to \$14,000 signing-on fee plus match payments. Some 18 year-old boys can get \$300 a game and a job as well. It's the clubs' own fault if they are seriously in debt. They pay professional wages to amateurs. The PSL is a house built without strong foundations. Something must be done to increase spectator support.

Q: What is the answer to that problem?

A: The Australian Soccer Federation now has a team of new marketing and promotion men. Let's see how good

they are. All we've seen so far is a lot of paper work and planning. There is a lot of work to be done. For instance, look at the grounds. Some are obviously not good enough. Cover is essential in case it rains. There is no cover at all at Marconi Stadium and that's one of the code's better grounds. At Lambert Park, you can't go into the stand unless you're a member of the Apia club. Places like Pratten Park and Garside Park are not good enough.

The marketing experts should concentrate on better grounds and better Soccer. The sport has lost thousands of spectators over the past 20 years. I can remember when a Sydney grand final was capable of attracting 25,000 to 30,000 fans. The public is still there but it must be tempted back.

Q: How long have you been president of the NSW Federation?

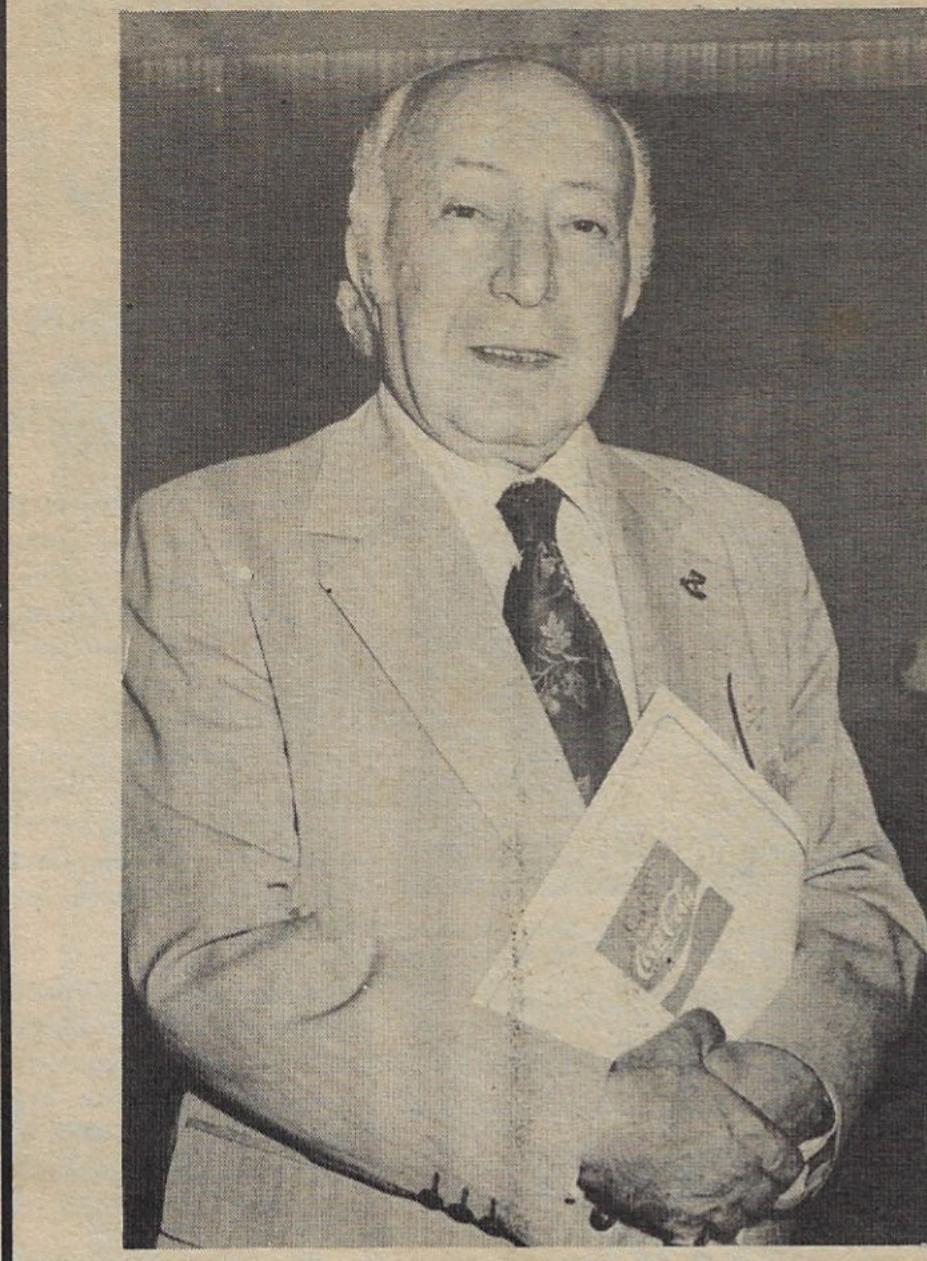
A: This is my third year. I think that's a record. Maybe I really am a great survivor!

Q: This month you will stand again for the NSW Federation executive and, if elected, would presumably be president. Doesn't the job have more kicks than benefits?

A: Of course it is demanding. Ask my wife. But Soccer is my life. Without being involved in the game, I don't know what I'd do. It's the same with my business. I could retire, but I like selling furs and leathers. Besides, there is one very important job I must complete in Soccer. I don't want to get out until that is done. I refer to the Parklea project.

Q: How goes Parklea?

A: The NSW Federation has achieved a near-miracle at Parklea, and it owes a huge debt of gratitude to my executive member and treasurer Charles Valentine. Charles has worked for years to make the Parklea dream come true. I want to be in office when the job is finally



completed. May I also take this opportunity to thank the NSW Minister of Sport, Ken Booth, for his excellent financial assistance at Parklea. Stage one of the Parklea work will be completed by May or June. It will be a home for many future generations of Soccer-playing youngsters. It will have modern accommodation where Australia's national team can live and prepare for matches. Think of the saving on costly hotel charges. Parklea will cater for several sports — not just Soccer. We can all be proud of what is going on there.

Q: I believe there was a move to get you voted off the NSW Federation executive at least year's elections. Were you aware of such a move?

A: I am convinced it was on. But it failed. Perhaps a similar move will be tried again this year, but I will fight it to the best of my ability. As I said before, I want to remain in office until Parklea is finished. After that, I'll be happy to get out if that is what the clubs desire.

Q: Moving to the national scene, how do you rate Australia's International squad right now?

A: There is a lot of room for improvement. Coach Rudi Gutendorf should forget about the old players. Soccer is a young man's game. Rudi should search for youngsters who

will play for Australia for the next 10 years, not for just a year or two. It is a pity the standard of Soccer at the moment is not all that brilliant. I doubt if there has been any improvement in playing standards since the formation of the Philips League.

Q: How long have you been in the sport?

A: I came to Australia from Czechoslovakia in 1949 and almost immediately found myself involved. I helped to form the old Prague club — probably the best team Australia has ever seen — and was president of the club for 10 years. In 1960 I went to Hakoah and stayed with them until 1969. I'll never forget the 1968 season when our team won everything. Hakoah took the Ampol Cup, then the interstate Ampol Cup challenge, then the premiership, followed by the grand final and, to round off a memorable season, Hakoah also won the Australia Cup. It was marvellous. I like to be a winner.

Q: How would you solve the troubles between the States and the Australian Soccer Federation?

A: There is no trouble between the States and national Federation. The headaches involve the States and some PSL clubs. I am always willing to compromise and work in harmony with anyone but it's not always easy. Last year, for example, the five Sydney PSL clubs pulled out of the Ampol Cup for no particular reason.

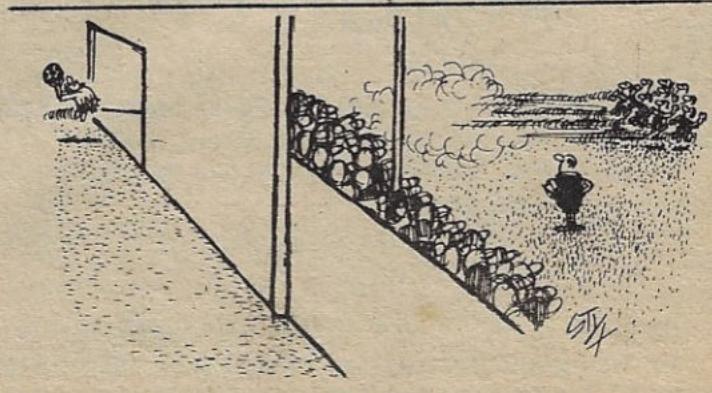
A: It was an insult to the game's oldest and most loyal sponsor, Ampol. Another matter which causes friction concerns the way the PSL arranges its Philips Cup competition. The draw is a clear case of match-making. Why can't clubs be drawn out of a hat to play each other. It seems to work satisfactorily throughout the rest of the world. If this match-making operates again in 1981, I shall advise NSW Federation clubs to keep out of the Cup.

Q: Finally, the hottest topic of all ... what are your thoughts on summer Soccer?

A: It's the silliest thing anyone could think of. It cannot possibly work in Australia. Let us concentrate, instead, on building up our attendances in winter.



KEN BOOTH



"He has to buy a ticket at the turnstile when he makes a long throw"

MEET KEVIN D'ARCY BACKROOM BOY OF AUSTRALIAN SOCCER

By John Field

When Australia's international squad jets off on its world tour on Thursday, one of the most important members of the party will be a man virtually unknown to the public.

Bearing the title of Tour Administration Officer, Irishman Kevin D'Arcy will tackle a vast range of responsibilities while the team is overseas.

D'Arcy will be responsible for moving players and officials around, keeping records of what happens on and off the field, catering for the needs of all and sundry, attending to the large number of problems inevitable on such a tour and generally spreading goodwill abroad on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation.

In his native Northern Ireland, D'Arcy played for three clubs, Belfast Celtic (now defunct), Ards and Cliftonville. In 1954, he decided — for family reasons — to emigrate to Australia.

Kevin says: 'Unlike many players from the UK, I did not come here to play Soccer. But I sort of fell into it.'

'My first Australian club was Manly. Later I joined Gladesville where I had some very happy times. When I gave up playing, I became Gladesville's team manager and I was that club's first delegate to the new NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs in 1957.'

'People often ask me what changes I have seen in the game here during all the years from 1954 to 1980. The changes have not all been for the better. For instance, I regard the period from 1957 to 1964 as the vintage years of Soccer in this country.'

Do you know Soccer was almost the number one code of football in New South Wales at that time? It needed only another good push to rival Rugby League.'

'Going back to 1954, I recall a

strong influence from Australian-born players. District clubs had a good following. Teams like Corrimal and Leichhardt were able to produce outstanding local players. I don't think it is happening to that extent in 1980.'

'In the late 1950s, when migration from Europe was hitting a peak and when Australia was not in FIFA, the so-called ethnic clubs became powerful. These clubs provided a need at the time, giving entertainment to thousands of Europeans who were far

more.'

'While the ethnic teams provided so much for Soccer, their emergence coincided with the decline in support for Australian district clubs. Of course, the ideal set-up would be for the local clubs and the ethnic clubs to go forward together and get rid of all racial divisions. But maybe that's a Utopian concept.'

Kevin D'Arcy's main function in the game during the past 15 years has been as a 'chaperon' for foreign teams visiting Aus-

I've looked after. The number came to 35, give or take a few. They bring back many memories.'

'The best team I worked with — both on and off the field — was the 1967 Manchester United. It was a great experience to be so closely involved with giants of the sport like Denis Law, Bobby Charlton, Paddy Crerand, George Best and, of course, nature's gentleman, Sir Matt Busby.'

'They were a magnificent touring party. And in their matches, United served up a brand of football which delighted everyone.'

'Not all touring teams were so popular here. I had all sorts of headaches with the Romanian national team. Maybe they were not entirely to blame.'

'Santos, with Pele, also caused more than enough headaches.'

'They seemed suspicious from the moment they arrived. Santos were booked in at Rushcutters Bay Travelodge in Sydney ... one of the best motels in Australia. But as soon as they reached the place, they wanted to move to another hotel. It seems the word 'motel' caused them concern. In Brazil, 'motels' are often rated little better than brothels.'

'With the Santos people refusing to check in, a distinguished-looking figure walked into the Travelodge. It turned out to be Sir Billy Sneddon, Australia's Treasurer. I told a Santos official that if Rushcutters Bay Travelodge was good enough for such an important man, it should be good enough for a football team. Pele and his mates signed the register and went to their rooms.'

'Santos caused near-panic at Sydney Sports Ground before their match against Australia. They flatly refused to leave their dressing room until they were

paid their match fee in U.S. dollars.'

'If you've ever tried to lay your hands on about \$35,000 in U.S. currency on a Saturday afternoon, you'll appreciate the crisis going on that day under the stand at the Sports Ground.'

'The police were marvellous. With sirens blaring, they set off at hot pace for Sir Arthur George's home in Vaucluse. We sorted out some formalities with Sir Arthur and, somehow or other, rustled up cash from several quarters. And practically all of the cash demanded by officials of the Brazilian team was available by the time the teams eventually appeared for the kick-off 45 minutes late.'

'Santos gave the impatient crowd great entertainment ... as had Manchester United a few years earlier.'

'I am working for Nicholas Pty Ltd — they're the Aspro people. My job is field manager. I have a very understanding employer. The company is particularly sports-minded. That's not surprising when you realise we make Staminade ... the drink so popular among so many sportsmen. I could not have accepted the offer to tour with Australia next week without the help of my employers.'

'It should be a good tour although I realise I'll be working flat out from start to finish. Australia has a useful squad which, despite containing a lot of young players, is not without experience. Coach Rudi Gutendorf has given the youngsters plenty of big match experience in the past couple of years and has instilled great confidence in the boys. Australia played very well in matches against Milan, England and Northern Ireland this year.'

'What a pity the crowds did not roll up in larger volume for those games. Like everyone else in Soccer, I worry at

times about the drop in crowds, particularly at club matches.'

'Of course this is a world-wide trend but that is no consolation. I think there are two basic reasons for Australian Soccer losing its fans. The first is lack of heroes, true personalities among the players.'

'The second is third-rate facilities for spectators. The fans have been given virtually nothing in the past 25 years.'

'Getting back to the question of heroes. New York Cosmos attracted 60,000 to Sydney Showground — not because they are a great team — but because they fielded big name personalities. They were all heroes ... and the fans responded.'

'I believe if Australia can produce a few heroes — starting, maybe, with Peter Sharne and similar talented boys — the crowds will return.'

'Of course, one of the most contentious suggestions to bring back the crowds is the experiment with summer Soccer. It's easy to say it won't work but let's examine it more closely. When you are in a situation in business when things are not working well, you must examine every suggested remedy. I do not decry summer Soccer but I think there should have been more research into it before any announcement was made.'

'Maybe the PSL were flying a kite to obtain public reaction. Far better if the spectators, players and coaches had been asked about this before surprising us all by declaring it would definitely happen.'

'I am not opposed to anything that will help Soccer although, as far as summer play is concerned, I must ask ... will the public accept such a radical idea?'

'Kevin D'Arcy, like many others, is disappointed at the progress which has taken place in the game since the

Philips League came into being in 1977.'

'He said: "It has not been the success we wanted. There has been no stimulation of match attendances. But I'm glad the PSL was formed. It achieved something we have dreamed about for so many years.'

'The whole financial set-up in the Philips League needs looking at closely. Players are handsomely paid these days when you compare what they get with the money players got at Gladesville in the 1950s. A good player could pick up about \$8 a game. That may not seem much but it was maybe 25 per cent of what he earned from his outside job ... and it came in very handy. Today, when players get \$200 a game, they are receiving 50 or 60 per cent of what they get from a normal job.'

'Don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating a drastic cut in payments to players. They should be paid what they're worth. They have a short career and I like to see them earning as much as they can from the sport.'

'You have to reward the men who pull in the crowd. I recall a few years ago when Angelo Mallas was president of Pan Hellenic. He imported a Greek idol called Takis Loukanidis. Do you know Pan Hellenic sometimes had 2,000 or 3,000 at training sessions just because the great Loukanidis was on the park. That's more people than you see at some actual matches these days.'

'Soccer badly needs family involvement. It's working in the U.S.A. Why shouldn't it work here?'

'That seems a suitable way to close this interview. A.S.W. wishes Kevin D'Arcy every success on his forthcoming tour with the Australian team.'

'Nobody has done more to earn the trip.'



LEO BAUMGARTNER



from their homelands. Enterprising people like Karel Rodny did much to establish great teams like Prague and Hakoah. They imported brilliant players including Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandl and many

Australia. It is a labour of love. He meets teams at the airport, settles them into their hotel, attends to all their needs and, generally, does a tremendous job as liaison officer.'

Kevin said: 'I was trying to add up all the touring teams

SUMMER SOCCER ARRIVES EARLY

By Tom McKain

Adelaide's PSL pair, City and West, will get an early preview of summer Soccer next season with the announcement of the SA Federation's format and draw for the Ampol Cup night series.

As we went to press, the details had still to be approved by the Federation Board, but this was expected to be a formality.

The series will kick off on Wednesday night, January 14 and feature two games each Wednesday through to the semi-finals on Wednesday, February 25.

Both clubs have taken part in this competition in previous years as Juventus and Hellas, and once as City and West when West won two years ago, beating City in a semi-final and Croatia in the final.

Since then, their summer performances have been confined to easy-paced trial games.

With the PSL due to start on February 1 or 8, the national competition will overlap with the Ampol series, but the PSL duo will treat the Wed-

nesday night Cup games as extra training sessions — apart from when they meet.

As it is, they have been seeded to meet in the final, heading two groups of four teams who will play on a league basis with the top two in each going into the semi-finals.

Under the new format, only the three top teams from the State First Division 1980 league qualified for the competition (usually it was the top six).

This time they are joined by City and West, the State Youth Squad, a Second Division Select and the Amateur League State squad.

The groups and pairings are:

GROUP A—

Adelaide City
Cumberland
Amateur League
Select
Para Hills

GROUP B—
West Adelaide
Croatia
Second Division
Select
Youth Squad

Round 1 — Wednesday January 14 — Second Division v Youth Squad; Adelaide City v Cumberland.

Round 2 — Para Hills v Amateurs; West Adelaide v Croatia.

Round 3 — Croatia v Second Division; Adelaide City v Amateurs.

Round 4 — Para Hills v Cumberland; West Adelaide v Youth.

Round 5 — Croatia v Youth; Adelaide City v Para Hills.

Round 6 — Cumberland v Amateurs; West Adelaide v Second Division.

Semi-finals, Wednesday February 25 — First team from Group B v Second team from Group A.

First team from Group A v Second team from Group B.

Final — Wednesday, March 4.

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Without trying to stir up any early controversy, we can see one feature of the draw which could cause complaints.

Each time they play, the PSL clubs have been drawn to feature in the late match.

This will kick off around 9 p.m. when it is cooler, and it would be no surprise if some of the other clubs and teams complained; we could see a switch in times.

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While the First Division management committee insisted that the City and West teams be made up of PSL players, it is certain the "giants" will try out possible new signings, and some of their young reserve players.

New West manager-coach Billy Birch, who continues in the job af-

ter being brought in late in the season to do a rescue act, is delighted with the chance to field a squad in the Ampol Cup.

After ditching six of the 1980 first team squad he wants as many games as possible for his new-look line-up.

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Rudi Gutendorf is certain to be invited to look over the Youth squad in at least one of its games.

Against City or West some of the youngsters could stake a claim to a place in the Socceroo squad for the Cola-Cola World Youth Cup in Australia next year.

At the moment, City's David Mitchell, Ian McKie from West, and Para Hills' Tony Radford are Youth Socceroos.

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The new format for the night series has been designed to try and boost the attendances at what was once the most exciting series of games in the State,

Federation would be delighted.

However, as we are all aware, players are usually very reluctant spectators.

But the new format is worth a try, as it also gives the Second Division a look in, and the young stars a chance to show their talents, not only to Gutendorf, but senior club scouts who should be in attendance.



Rudi Gutendorf

AN UNUSUAL LOOK AT NEWCASTLE K.B.'S PLAYERS

(REPRODUCED FROM THE
MATCH PROGRAMME)



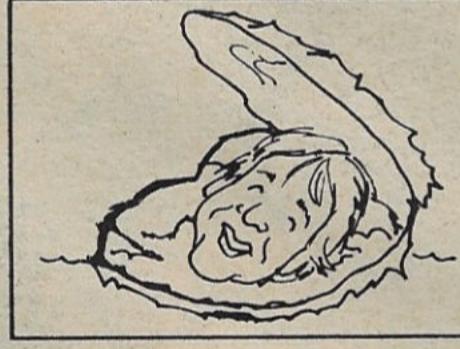
To Roy Drinkwater — A LION. Opposing forwards refer to him as King of the Beasts. His fans admire his courage. Never known to miss any game. His tawny mane stands out.



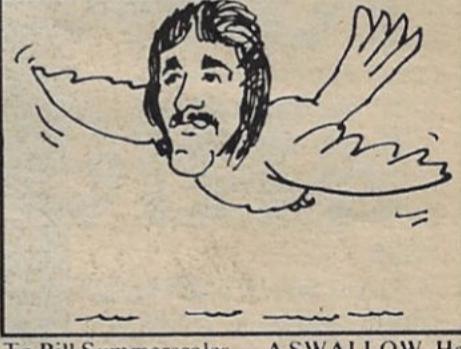
To Arno Bertogna — AN EAGLE. He rises effortlessly to great heights and seems to hang there. He is talented.

BEASTIE AWARDS 1980

John Deacon and Alan Tredinnick



To Peter Tredinnick — AN OYSTER. He comes out of his shell from time to time. With a little grit could produce a pearl or two.



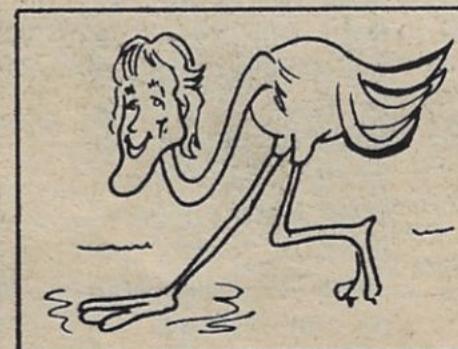
To Bill Summerscales — A SWALLOW. He migrated north each summer and returned for the following winter. A knee injury hampered his lift-off and he is not expected back next winter.



To John Sneddon — A TIGER. He seemed to lie in wait forever for his game. When the chance came he did not miss.



To Craig Mason — A FLYING FOX. He is into orange juice. He finds it Berri tasty. He prefers to roost at night.



To Joe Senkalski — A FLAMINGO. He goes round in graceful dance. He has plenty of admirers but one fan was heard to yell, "Have a flaming go, Joe."



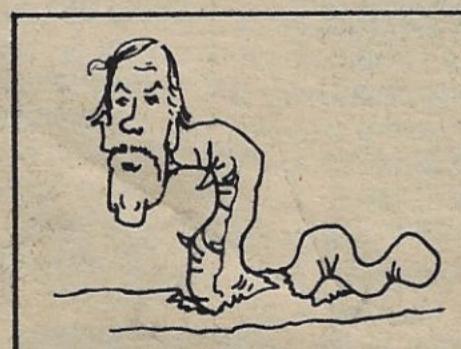
To Brett Cowburn — A POSSUM. He is seldom seen except on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He broke a limb in a fall. The tree is O.K.



To David Deakin — A PENGUIN. He migrated west during our recent dry spell. Perhaps in Perth he will fill the bill.



To Paul Reaney — A BULLDOG. He is the symbol of British tenacity and endurance. He clamps his jaws shut and holds on to younger, less determined opponents.



To Phil Dando — A WOOD GRUB. He often finds it boring in the uprights despite having a bar handy.



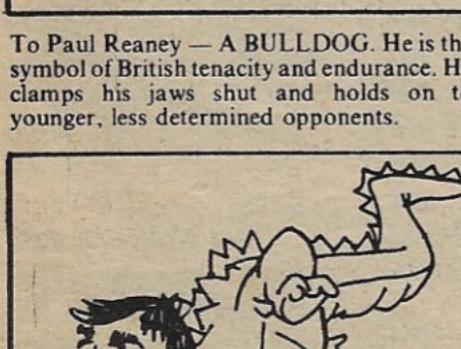
To Graham Heys — A RABBIT. He scampers about in play beside Burrows. Sometimes associated with ginger hares.



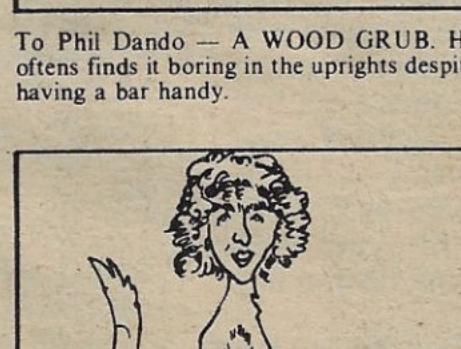
To Malcolm McClelland — A LOBSTER. He is one of our best nippers. He is bright red on top and red all over when heated.



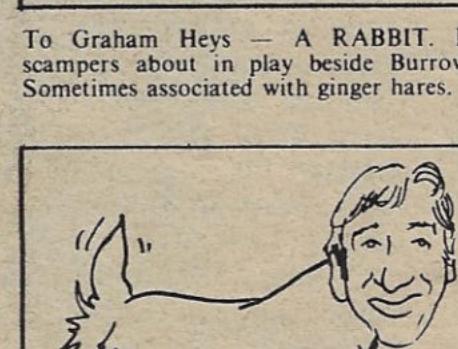
To David Jones — A PIGEON. He is easily recognisable by his walk. He seems to be migrating north and west simultaneously. Only his strong homing instinct stops him doing himself an injury.



To Col Curran — A CROCODILE. He snaps at keepers' nets and lashes out at anyone who gets behind him. He is dangerous at both ends.



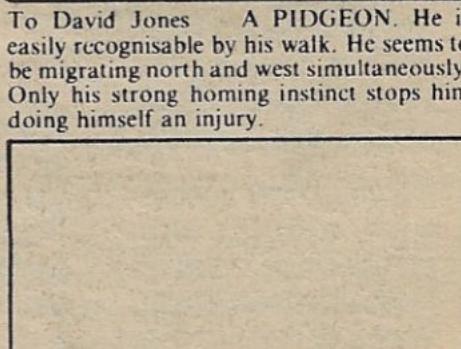
To Jim Preston — A CAT. He showed dynamic agility in play until he hurt a leg. He now lies for long periods in the sun.



To Paul Burrows — A TERRIER. He snaps at the heels of sweepers as they try to clean up at the back.



To David Kamasz — AN EMU. When he was an Eagle he was often seen in full flight. Now he would dearly love to be on the wing but can't get the lift.



To Craig Wallace — A CHAMELEON. He was a master of camouflage. The fans scarcely realised he was there before he disappeared again.

YOU'LL SEE A BETTER MANECAS IN 1981

By Tom McKain

Manecas, the Portuguese star who did not always glitter as much as West Adelaide fans would have liked, WILL be back next year, despite what rumour-mongers have been saying.

SOUTH MELBOURNE WANT NORRIS

Ollie Norris has done so well as part-time promotions man and secretary with Heidelberg United, he could move into this field on a full-time basis.

But seemingly not with the Bergers.

Norris, a former Middlesbrough professional, has been offered full-time terms as P.R. and Promotions chief with the rival South Melbourne.

He said: "I'm seriously tempted to give it a go."

MANLY JOB FOR STONE

Terry Stone has been reappointed coach of Manly Warringah in the Coca Cola State League of NSW.

They tried when he first arrived in Adelaide earlier this year, claiming they had first option on him because he had guested with them two years ago.

"While Manny did not always star for us you have to know the background to understand what a mighty job he did," said West secretary Mr Jim Carapetis.

"His wife became very ill after a miscarriage and could not come out from Portugal to join Manny.

The forward or mid-fielder, who can also play fullback, has a three-year contract, and West had no hesitation in turning down an offer from Sydney City who wanted his signature.

"He had this on his mind for most of the season, but refused to give up, and never once complained to us about anything.

"Apart from worrying about his wife and two foster children he and his wife took in when his brother died, it was a

complete change of scene, and when he first arrived Manny's English wasn't all that good.

"I think we will see a different player next year."

Manecas is back in Portugal for a month to make arrangements for his wife to come to Australia, and for his mother and father to take care of the children until his wife has fully recovered.

Manager-coach Billy Birch was very impressed with Manecas when he first saw him and the only complaint he had was that he did not demand the ball from his team-mates.

"I told him to shout for the ball and not be modest," said Birch.

"He started doing this and showed some brilliant touches.

"Once he can relax, he will be a star in our team and a fans' player."



Manecas (right) the Portuguese star who should shine brighter in 1981

RUDI RUBS OUT S.A. STARS

By Tom McKain

We couldn't let the season wind up without a couple of shots loaded with SA bias.

Surely there is one player in SA worth a place in the senior Socceroo squad.

While West finished in the relegation zone, goalkeeper Martyn Crook had an inspired season, and was on the short list until the final choice by coach Rudi Gutendorf, and finished as a standby.

And if there was a midfielder to consider with youth on his side, a ton of skill and top form, it was surely Adelaide City's Sergio Melta.



DAVID JONES

And didn't City's David Jones merit a place at centre-back in front of the two aging imports Ivo Prskalo and my old mate Jimbo Muir?

We wish the current squad and Rudi Gutendorf the best of luck on their overseas tour, but perhaps by the time the World Cup comes round in 1982, or some of the qualifying matches next year, there might be just one South Australian worthy of a chance.

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• Switch your mind back to the Philips Cup quarter final match in which Adelaide City, defending the trophy, had to play Heidelberg in Melbourne.

The game was eventually decided on penalty kicks, with the Melbourne team winning.

Melbourne again and this time it's Heidelberg and Marconi who finish level in the Philips Cup Final.

Only this time there is a replay in Sydney. Strange?

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AUNT SALLY AVAILABLE FOR SOCCER FANS

The chance has arrived to let the Australian Broadcasting Commission know that the soccer public is looking for television exposure through their extensive network.

A Committee of Review of the ABC's operations is on the go at present, working from offices in Westfield Towers.

They will welcome submissions in writing from Federations, Associations, clubs and members of the public.

The address for correspondence is GPO Box 38, Sydney 2001.

The ABC have had their favourite sports and although they have expanded to a degree into basketball and baseball, little has really changed.

Except for the odd occasion over recent years, the impression is there that soccer is taboo.

It is possible to understand that Rugby League is NSW and Queensland and Australian Rules in other states is favoured, but for the rest the system smacks of rank favouritism.

The ABC network has exceptionally good cover to all parts of the states, use of which is vital to soccer's progress.

NEW OBJECTIVES NEEDED TO FOLLOW PRESENT PROGRESS

By Keith Gilmour

Over the first year of production AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has had the privilege of serving junior, amateur and school football in a way that has never regularly been accomplished in Australia previously.

As far as possible, cover has been extended to as much of Australia as we could.

The contact has been very rewarding, and hopefully of definite service to the code, which occupies a dominant place in junior sport in Queensland, Northern NSW, NSW and the ACT, and must extend more and more into other parts of the vast Commonwealth where it is not played enough.

Amongst the things we want to see improved most urgently is the provision of a highly professional Director of Coaching for NSW, an area in which the state has lagged alarmingly.

Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Victoria all have worthy practitioners in Ron Smith, Mike Wells and Ron Tindall.

We want to see a modern handling of soccer in the tertiary Colleges of Education as well as the universities, and to see further building of primary and secondary soccer including the increasing private education systems.

And development of touch soccer as a game to keep players fit off season and to improve those glorious levels of skills which so characterise the game of Association football.

New Associations are needed in growing districts such as Campbelltown in Sydney's outer suburbs.

Clubs and Associations need to fossick out more growth areas, and also get to work more in the RE-GROWTH SUBURBS.



It was a good tackle, but who will gain possession. Mini action in Sydney.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

WHAT IS GOOD FOOTBALL?

Here are four points given as advice to newcomers seeking to judge good soccer.

1. A good game of football is one in which firstly you see the players enjoying themselves. Winning matches is important, but trying to win stylishly and fairly is what football is all about. Win, draw, or lose, skilful football is enjoyable football.
2. A second measurement is the extent to which both teams try to win by attacking as much as they can, and by defending when they have to. Good football is playing to win rather than playing to avoid losing.
3. This is when groups of players frequently combine together confidently and calmly, using all the techniques of the game — HEADING, PASSING, DRIBBLING, SHOOTING, and so on — with delicate touch and cleverness.
4. Finally, a good game of football must be played fairly and honestly — 'fairly and honestly' means playing and trying as hard as possible all the time.

The next time you watch a team play, give each of these four points a mark out of ten, add the four marks together to find a "Good Game Score".

A score of

0 — 8	is a game best forgotten.
9 — 16	is below average.
17 — 24	is an average game.
25 — 32	is above average.
33 — 40	are the game which are unforgettable.

MORE OKONS ON THE WAY



Fairfield Heights won this year's Champion of Champions title in U8 with a 3-0 win over Connells Point.

In the team was the eight-year-old son of Klaus Okon, the former State League star. Klaus himself was the coach.

In a very creditable parallel, Klaus' other son was in the last Fairfield Heights team to win the Champions, and it was in U8 grade back in 1977.

Young Paul won a trip to the Pele Camp with John Warren this year.

Fairfield U8's record includes two Southern District Association premierships undefeated, and now the Champion of Champions.

Their record this year was: 8-0 v Dubbo; 1-0 v Sylvania Heights; 3-0 v Balgownie, 3-0 v Connells Point.

BACK ROW: K. Okon (coach) C. Norris, L. Sevcek, P. Okon, P. Imola, P. Campagnolo, J. Bartone, Mrs E. Winters (manager). →

FRONT ROW: J. Foster, T. Winters, D. Workman, G. Tolomeo, T. Allen, M. Curmi, M. Tempest (missing from photo).



FOWLER & MORRIS SUCCEED AT NEW ENGLAND UNI

Mick Fowler (left) and Tom Morris (right) exemplify the drive needed to take soccer further into the tertiary education field.

Both are at the University of New England in Armidale, and represented Australian Universities against Combined Services in their representative match in Newcastle.

They were in the New England team that played in the final of the Inter-Varsity at Perth last May.

Both also play for college teams in the university competition.

Mick Fowler went through from West Pymble to Ku-ring-gai representative teams, and gained his university blue for soccer this year.

Morris was a Mt Ku-ring-gai and Mt Colah junior and represented Ku-ring-gai before joining Sydney Croatia.

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SOCER IN TERTIARY INSTITUTES DEMANDS ENCOURAGEMENT

Very little work is put into the expansion of soccer in universities and colleges in New South Wales, although growth of the code is very dependent on this aspect of soccer.

For years the moan went up that too many players leave soccer at 15 and 16 years, but on the senior side there has been an improvement because the policy of developing Australian born and trained players and their placement with Philips League and State League clubs is creating the opportunities that were not available before.

Then came the rise of all-age soccer, as players who had dropped out due to commencing work and the pressure of other interests and studies began to return to the game.

The huge numbers of all-age players in NSW attests to this improvement.

But there are many other factors in retaining players in the code.

Amongst them are the extension of the game to the private schools systems, which is well under way, and the growth that is needed in Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education.

The switching of young people in employment bet-

ween city and country and interstate is another factor. Here the increase in soccer in the country has its effect, because wherever the soccer player goes a game is now usually available.

More coaching of coaches is needed, which means that the state must have direction in this vital field.

And it is most remarkable that Soccer has allowed Rugby League to plough ahead with a summer touch and no body contact recreation game which has grown to 40,000 players without reply from soccer.

There are limited numbers of indoor competitions on basketball courts, but nothing outside to do the job on spring and summer evenings.

This is a field wide open for soccer enthusiasts to develop.

Rugby League, too, makes sure that it has good competitions in the universities and colleges, whilst soccer stands back.

Unless players and

coaches are prepared for soccer in the education and teaching field then the game is wasting its time if it feels that it can reach the top in Australia, or go anywhere near it.

In Sydney there are such colleges as Alexander Mackie, Ku-ring-gai College of Advanced Education, Milperra CAE, Nepean CAE and Sydney Teachers College.

Through the state there are Colleges of Advanced Education at Armidale, Goulburn, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Mitchell College, Newcastle, Riverina and Wollongong.

And the NSW Institute of

Technology, the Catholic College of Education at Castle Hill, and the universities — Sydney, New South Wales and Macquarie.

The universities play some of the colleges in pre-season matches, but there should be far more activity than that.

Obviously a proper assessment is called for and plans put in action to capitalise upon the large number of schoolboys and youngsters playing the game.

Certainly the enthusiasm that is pushing the women's game ahead so well must be recaptured by their male counterparts.

DOYALSON SIGN FORMER

EDGWORTH SKIPPER

Doyalson RSL Soccer Club, the ambitious Central Coast outfit, has snapped up Alan Parkinson as their coach for 1981.

Parkinson has an outstanding reputation, and this season captained leading Northern NSW State League club Edgworth.

Next season Doyalson reserve grade will be coached by George Cousins, with Graham Bird handling the U19s.

The club is aiming for promotion from second to First Division next season, and is aiming for State League.

The Central Coast has two other clubs participating in the Northern NSW League, Central Coast United and Gosford Rangers.

Doyalson's ground, next to the Pacific Highway, is to be further improved by the RSL club, which also supports the Soccer Club financially.

The Central Coast competition itself has some very handy clubs, including Wyoming, Wyong, Southern United and Umina.



Canberra City meets the schoolchildren. Bas Giampaolo, left, junior Promotions Officer Chris Kunz, and Peter Cheyne are involved in the autograph department.

HOW TO RUIN YOUR CLUB . . .

One of the standing features of Queanbeyan Rotary Club's magazine is this warning which could be applied to any club or society, even to the Magpies.

It gives the following tips on "How to Ruin Your Club" —

- Don't attend the meetings.
- If you do attend — then come late.
- When you attend, sit at the back and talk to the person next to you about the weather or racing.
- Never accept Office. It's much easier to criticise, than do anything.
- If asked by the chairman for your opinion, just tell him you have nothing to say, and then, after the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done.
- Hold back your subscription as long as you possibly can.
- Don't bother about getting new members — let someone else do it. After all there's plenty of others who have time for that sort of thing.
- In short, do nothing more than is absolutely necessary. But when other members roll up their sleeves and do the lot, howl like mad about how the organization is being run by a clique.



Mark Brennan, of Mosman U18 Div 2 team, gets his shot away for a tidy goal in a match at Mosman Oval.



The Dundas United Under 11 Division 1 defence comes streaming out as the Winston Hills player steadies himself to head the ball back. The match is at Curtis Oval, Dundas.



A pre-match warm-up in under 8 terms!

STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Provided by NSW Amateur Soccer Federation president, Doug McCarron (Orange). Generally speaking I believe we had a pretty good year, with more people playing the game, although I feel that the standard did not increase as much as it might have done.

This I attribute to the present attitude to life rubbing off on sport.

There is too much dissent and a certain amount of rebellion against discipline.

It is hard to know what to do about it, but each of us should be working to ensure that the necessary improvements are made.

As to the Australian Championships, I often feel that we in NSW have so many players compared with some other States that we should win every grade every year.

It does not happen like that of course, but we did win three out of four titles, and that is a big effort.

In many areas of the country soccer is in its infancy, so it still has a fair way to go.

We are sometimes trying to do too much, and there is not enough weekends to handle everything we want to do.

The Champion of Champions once again was a tremendous competition, and it is doing wonders for the players and the standing of the code.

I would like to thank our sponsors, Pub Squash Co and Cue-Cola for their sponsorship.

They have signed up

for a further five years with us.

As far as the new Regional League in Southern NSW, which will be approved if the balance of the information comes to hand, the biggest problem is the difference between the well-backed clubs and the others who are strictly amateur.

The problems that this situation can bring should be closely investigated.

The whole scheme is a good idea, but we want NSW recognised as the leading body involved in it.

As to Western NSW, a big competition would need promotion on an inter-town basis.

Taking Orange as an example, there are four major strong clubs, each fiercely competitive with the other, and I do not see them sinking their identities to form a town club.

I was pleased with AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's cover this year. One thing I would have liked to have seen was a deal bigger cover of the late Sid Tanner's contribution to junior soccer at the time of his death.

All in all though, a good job was done, and we look forward to ASW's articles in 1981.

Doug McCarron.



Mr. D. McCARRON
President New South Wales
Amateur Soccer Federation

U.S. TRIP FOR BOYS

As parents of the U/14 and U/15 boys Soccer squad which will embark on a journey to Los Angeles in March, next year, we hope you will find space in your last yearly issue to give some news regarding their trip.

The boys, representing the Newcastle Jnr. Soccer Assoc. have accepted an invitation from the U.S. Cultural and Sporting Exchange Society for a 16 days tour and all boys are looking forward to some hard matches as well as training with local professionals. They also hope to make many friends and be good ambassadors for their country.

The packed itinerary includes all the obvious attractions such as Disneyland.

Boys in the squad are: Grahame Sales, John Deverall, Ross Milosevic, David Munro, Bruce Terry, Darren Lewis, Mark Wilson, Phillip Rusden, Paul Hamilton, Bruce Annan, Martin Finch, Paul Shields, Gavin Dowdell, Peter Ward, David Jones, Craig Jones, Peter Vadori, Michael Kirk.

Thank you from The Parents.

Newcastle



These lads from one of the Malvern City junior teams in Melbourne will be aiming to take the places of the seniors (also pictured) in a few years time.



WHAT IS A GOOD FOOTBALLER?

1 One who is always making things happen in the game. Good players are always doing something, always affecting a game. They

are never kept out of the game for any length of time. This is not to say that good players run all over the place to get the ball — they do not. But, good players are always moving in anticipation of where the ball may be after the next move. Above all, good players are always moving to help their own team.

2 A good player shows high levels of skill — cleverness with the ball. A good player is not a circus performer, but if he finds himself in difficulties on the field, he will have practised and mastered the skills of the game so that he can do whatever may be necessary to get himself out of trouble. These players seem to have eyes in the backs of their heads, and they know what is going on in all parts of the field all the time. They seem to have this 'vision' without looking, but they ARE looking — all the time!

3 A good player is a good competitor. He is always trying to win skilfully and fairly. Some people are superb players when their team is winning — when it is losing, you wonder where they have disappeared to. When this happens, spectators ask why the team didn't give the ball to 'so-and-so'. The answer often is, 'so-and-so's' teammates couldn't find him. A good competitor

plays better the harder and more difficult the game becomes. Without this attitude you will stand little chance of becoming a really good player, and no chance at all of becoming a great one!

4 The final test of a player is willingness to work hard, to practise and to train, to become a better player. Good footballers are not born, they are made and made by themselves more often than not. Becoming a good player, becoming a good player is a matter of taking care over small details. Good players keep themselves fit to play by training hard and regularly. They are never satisfied with their skills and their techniques. They will always practise to become better.



Good players never find their boots badly studded, or with worn laces which may break during an important part of the game. These players enjoy the game by preparing for it sensibly and carefully. Nothing is too much trouble for them.

Look at top players in the game and watch WHAT they do, HOW they do it and above all . . . WHEN they do different things.

LOOK and LEARN is a good motto, if you want to become a good player.



Whose kick next? The minis of Mayfield and Adamstown are working on some sort of a conundrum when they took to the field at Adamstown Park in Newcastle recently.

30,000 JUNIORS LINK WITH SENIORS IN NORTHERN NSW

Happily for the future of Soccer in Australia, Northern NSW is bursting at the seams.

So much so that Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation secretary John Jones of Windale, Newcastle, confesses that it is difficult to keep trace of the new Associations forming amongst the Federation's various branches!

Northern NSW territory is somewhat of an inverted triangle in shape, with its upturned apex resting on the Central Coast centres of Gosford and Wyong.

Up the coast it quickly runs through the other huge Association areas of Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, and out to the Hunter District.

Three branches comprise the coast areas which extend up to the Queensland border, and each has its own member Associations.

LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH embraces the Manning Association (Forster-Tuncurry-Taree), Hastings Association (Port Macquarie-Wauchope), and Kempsey Association (Kempsey to Macksville).

NORTHERN RIVERS BRANCH includes Mid-co (Midcoast) Association (Nambucca Heads, Sawtell, Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga), Grafton Association (Grafton-Maclean).

RICHMOND-TWEED BRANCH Lismore Association (Lismore-Casino), Murwillumbah Association (Murwillumbah), and Tweed Association (Tweed Heads).

Then to head northwest from Newcastle sees Soccer spilling over from the Northern Tablelands and North West Slopes out to the new Association on the plains at Narrabri.

The latest configuration of Associations in the NEW ENGLAND BRANCH includes Quirindi, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell and Narrabri Tenterfield tends to look towards Queensland.

The name of the game in Northern NSW is "Incentive."

The youngsters of the various areas beyond the Hunter can work their way into the booming Northern State League clubs, Tamworth City, Armidale, Clarence Valley and Coffs Harbour.

This leaves them well ahead of their counterparts in southern NSW. Moreover there has been the immediate rise of a strong supporting competition between the State League and all-age levels to provide more high standard organised football for them in the midco area.

Take the Lower North Coast and Northern Rivers districts.

The Ampol North Coast Soccer League is a widespread inter-town Premier League which already caters for many ambitious clubs.

Manning United (Taree), Port United, Port Macquarie RSL, Wauchope Timbertown,

Kempsey Rovers, Sawtell and Coffs Harbour District are all NCL members.

Enthusiasts in the delightful Forster-Tuncurry towns are already tipping that Manning clubs Tuncurry-Forster and Pacific Palms will pool their resources and join the League in 1981.

The League is already affiliated to the Northern NSW Federation through the Coffs Harbour State League Club.

And New England is sparking too with its inter town senior competition.

Local matches are played on Saturdays, with the main centres contesting the Accropolis Cup (first grade) and the Browning Cup for reserve teams.

Tamworth, Gunnedah, Armidale and Narrabri are amongst the leaders.

Inter-town junior grades are also played. The major towns Tamworth and Armidale play their representative juniors in under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18 grades, with Gunnedah and Quirindi also represented in many grades.

Amateur secretaries Brett Gore (Lower North Coast) and Fred Fisher (New England) joined to indicate how pleased they are that junior products of the North have such fine outlets to cater for the up and coming soccer generation.

Said Fred Fisher: "To



show you how far we are progressing, I reckon on that the Tamworth City Supporters' Club is one of the best organised in Australia!"

Another fine feature is the Northern NSW amateur championships for youngsters.

The spread of soccer is readily apparent from this table of winners and venues for this year's titles.

U10 Macquarie/Newcastle joint premiers (played in Newcastle); U11 Macquarie (Point Clare, Central Coast), U12 Central Coast (Tenambit, Hunter Assn), U13 Richmond-Tweed (Lismore Assn), U14 Newcastle (Kempsey Assn), U15 Newcastle (Coffs Harbour Assn), U16 Newcastle (Tamworth Assn).

In schools football many fine Tasman Cup sides play through the

north, with the standard improving in many more remote centres. Newcastle draws the best school football crowds in Australia, and now the new Bill Turner Cup embraces both departmental and independent schools and colleges.

Northern NSW has arranged regular away trips for leading juniors to Germany, Holland and the United States.

All told, including schools and seniors, the tally of Northern NSW players leaves 30,000 well behind.

Given the driving enthusiasm to build soccer through the area and the expectations of increasing television exposure for the code, the game will go much further ahead in the North over the next few seasons.

THESE four boys are all members of the Toowoomba Under 12 soccer team which recently completed one of the heaviest representative seasons of any junior team in Toowoomba. Danny Weibusch (backleft) played in 20 of the matches but can be excused for missing the one match as he was in Adelaide at the time playing for Queensland schoolboys.

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The All-age final went to Avalon United when they defeated Mt Druitt 3-2 at Cook Park St Marys last Sunday.

And the delayed U12 final was won by Smithfield Hotspurs, with a 1-0 advantage over Forest Rangers at Rockdale Youth Centre.

In other news long-serving Jim Flint has taken over as president of Ku-ring-gai Association.

A Mt Colah official, Flint replaces Don Allen, who has had 24 years in the chair and was the main founder of the Association.

Jim Flint has been All-age convenor for the past six years, having come through all grades with teams from U7s.

APIA juniors often receive the chance to show their wares at half-time of the Philips League home games of Leichhardt at Lambert Park. They are on the move here, watched by a big crowd.



JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

Send \$3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

SOCCERSKILLS with JIM HERMISTON



MIDFIELDER'S TASK. Midfield players must be prepared to defend, tackle, control the ball quickly and pass accurately. And most important they must be able to pounce on loose balls. The team which picks up the majority of loose balls in midfield usually is the winning team.



The image is a scan of the front page of the Australian Soccer Weekly newspaper from March 1980. The masthead at the top reads 'AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY' with a large soccer ball graphic integrated into the letter 'O'. Below the masthead, it says 'FIRST AND BEST EVERY TUESDAY'. The date 'VOL 1 N° 2, 4 MARCH 1980' is at the top right. A large headline on the right side reads 'TASMANIA FOR PSL.' in bold, capital letters. To the left of this, a smaller headline says 'A.S.W. HAS A NEW READER!' with a photo of Bobby Charlton holding a copy of the magazine. The magazine cover features the headline 'PERKINS PULLS NO PUNCHES'. Below the photo, a caption reads: 'Look who's passing his expert eye over the first ... AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY. None other than Bobby Charlton, the famous English international, who is in Australia to play for Blacktown City next Sunday. Bobby's verdict? "Congratulations on a great paper." Bobby Charlton is featured in our "Star Interview" on Page 4.' On the left side, there's a black and white photo of a soccer match in progress. A headline below it says 'Goal number four for Victoria against N.S.W. - an unmarked Jim Campbell the scorer.' At the bottom left, there's a box with the text 'SO IF YOU MISSED US!' and 'AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY'. The bottom right features a large red flower graphic and the text 'A FEW F... TO REMI... OF A.S.W.'s IN S...'.

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ULTIMATUM FROM GUTENDORF

BY DAVID JACI

Rudi Gutendorf, Australia's coach, flies to West Germany tomorrow for a month's holiday. Leaving, he presented the Soccer Federation with a "keep our star players ... keep about the World"

Gutendorf is alarmed ... and that is not too strong a word — about the prospect of his best players being snapped up by European clubs for the new ... For such a don't has we

danger of exporting top players. AUSTRALIAN WEEKLY: "If Marconi had an offer of \$100,000 for Shane or Kneovic, I am sure they would sell. They must be sold this will not be tolerated."

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They have little alternative unless they want to see Rudi depart.

He certainly won't kid around when he said, "I will not remain here if these players are transferred to foreign clubs."

NEW EUROPEAN CHAMPS

West Germany are the champions of Europe — winning the title in an exciting final in Rome against the unrated Belgium 2-1.

It's a good job the final produced the goods because these Championships were in danger of being classified as "worst ever staged".

In the early matches, too much caution and in-depth defence, drove away the spectators in the thousands.

There is no doubt that coaches, terrified of seeing their teams lose, must be blamed for the shortage of goals and lack of entertainment.

Any coach who deliberately names his line-up with only two — and sometimes one — strikes does Soccer a disservice.

The game is all about goals. When teams make the effort to score them and see maximum effort into preventing goals, it is not surprising that there is a world-wide clamour for

PETER SHARPE (LEFT), ONE OF THE STARS WHO COULD GO ABROAD

REPETITION BUILDS CONFIDENCE IN GOALKEEPERS

By Fred Wall

I would like now to say something about *confidence* because in my opinion this is what makes or breaks a goalkeeper.

It is not particularly difficult to coach a keeper to dive, catch, fall, punch, deflect, etc. with the correct technique, but the main art of coaching is to give the keeper the confidence to go out and do it under the pressure of the game.

Personally I do this by constantly returning to the basics of all the techniques, by constant and repetitive practise until they become second nature and by trying to be ever present at the training sessions.

If I cannot attend I endeavour to get somebody to take my place or inform the players beforehand and finally if I do not attend, I apologise the next time we meet.

This may seem to be irrelevant, but I think it is an important part of building *confidence* he requires on the field of play.

Another point (which is also related to confidence) that makes a goalkeeper stand out, is his ability to talk or should I say "Shout".

He is, after all, the

Sergeant Major of *his* defence, he *must* control it, so we may say that at the end of a good game the keeper should be asking for a "throat lozenge".

But seriously, the art of talking is a *must*, and because the keeper should always be facing play, he should be constantly aware of impending situations, and his words often save potentially dangerous situations.

For instance a call such as "John, pick up runner on your right" is *precise* and *reasonably accurate* and if we dissect it we find our keeper has been specific by calling a *name* and also giving an instruction to the player.

If the keeper had merely called "Pick up the Runner" this may in fact cause utter confusion in the defence because *no* precise information was given.

Even if you add a name to "Pick up the runner" it is still not *precise* enough, because not all the information has been conveyed, so let me put it this way, make *sure* your goalkeepers *talk* but above all *ensure* that what they say *helps* the situation not *hinders* it —

make the message *clear* and *accurate*!

I would like now to say a few words on gear (not first or reverse) but what a keeper wears and uses in his training.

Above all he should be comfortable in what he wears in the way of shirts, shorts, socks, shoes etc.

It is up to the *Coach* to ensure his keeper gets the best that can be afforded in the way of balls and training areas, try and make the areas as soft as practicable, the ball should be leather and *inflated to the correct pressure*.

Now, a word or two about gloves — in my experience it is essential that when dealing with players under the age of 16 it is advisable that *all* their training be done *without* gloves.

This gives them a basic "Feel" for the ball, which is **VITAL** for their own confidence, knowing that they don't need gloves because they know they now catch without them.

However having said that I do not disagree with using gloves, but with one proviso — they *MUST* fit.

Ill fitting gloves can only

harm a keeper's handling abilities.

Slightly undersize is better than oversize but I'll repeat it is best that the gloves fit.

For keepers over 16, let them decide for themselves if they want to use them in training.

However again I'll stress — now and again bring them back to basics i.e. *NO GLOVES*.

I would like now to end off with a few of my personal points, like:

1) Get your goalkeeper a coach — he needs one as much if not more than any player on the field.

2) Ensure your goalkeeper coach has a systematic training schedule.

3) Watch his game.

4) Encourage the keeper to practise his weaknesses.

5) Always praise his good work.

6) There is often very little need to scold him for a mistake, because he normally knows he's made it, so therefore there is no need to compound his agony.

7) Clear the ball quickly and accurately.

8) Throwing the ball has many advantages but the



It takes some concentration, but it's the way to learn.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION



From Sydney Branch president Les Fairclough.

1980 provided the best year the Sydney Branch has seen, with the outstanding event the combining of the Federation Juniors and Amateurs into the highly successful Youth League.

It would not be out of place for me to say a special "thank you" to Dick Bates for his work on these competitions.

One of the main points that will go before our annual meeting is the recommendation that Blacktown District be increased to take in the growing Rooty Hill area.

I would like to compliment Southern & Eastern on the overall improvement of their standard in the young age groups.

Ted Simmons has done a big job for this Association but only if more skilled administrators can be found will it can grow to its full potential.

A big feature this year in Sydney is the greater degree of understanding throughout the office bearers and delegates.

A more concerted effort

by so many people has certainly paid off.

There will no doubt be mention at the policy meeting of the Campbelltown City area, because there is a population explosion there and the soccer code must look to its future in such dynamic centres.

As to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, might I say that an excellent cover has emerged in the first year of its operation.

I think that the paper has done a much better job than was thought possible at first, and I congratulate you on the continuity of good articles.

On the junior side I feel you have received the co-operation of so many enthusiasts in junior football to help you put the cover together.

Les Fairclough.



Canterbury-Marrickville U15s had a particularly good season in the Youth League Eastern Division competition.



YOUTH LEAGUE U16 Side, Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic with manager and coach.

SAINTS HAVE JUNIORS TO RISE AGAIN

by Keith Gilmour

Is there a more complete Soccer machine in Australia than Sydney's bustling St George district?

Don't be fooled by Saints fall from grace in senior football — look for the bulk of the iceberg below the surface.

Saints, with the assistance of their plush St George-Budapest licensed club at Mortdale, have sunk \$900,000 into the St George Stadium at Rockdale.

Whilst doing so their previously pre-eminent position in Australian Soccer has been whittled away. But the last of the major expenditures for the main stage of development will occur in November.

They intend to then sign a couple of key players, they already have highly capable Yugoslav coach Frank Arok's signature, and look to the tremendous crop of juniors to bolster their reserve team and ultimately provide a few reinforcements for the senior side.

Newly-promoted 20 year-old defensive midfielder Mark Barton is the forerunner of the new group.

In the past the district has produced Harry Williams, Australia's only aboriginal Soccer international, and one of the best left-backs to appear in the country.

Also to the fore have been the O'Shea brothers — John, Robert and Michael — who along with Williams switched to Canberra City.

Socceroo George Harris, Brendan Gross, Neville Morgan, Peter Terry — they and many more locals came through the ranks to stardom.

Saints' big junior factory had a record 384 teams this year, and that excludes those who are only playing in schools and local churches teams.

In 1969 it was the

legendary Frank Arok who commenced the main coaching system when he first arrived from Yugoslavia to take over the club.

The senior club's main undertaking is to accept the tag for all coaches' salaries, equipment and fees for the under 14, 15 and 16 years Youth League teams (formerly the Inter District sides).

Also covered are referees' fees for the under 10, 11, 12 and 13 years teams in the Metropolitan Championships.

And all this tots up to a pretty penny indeed.

Ron Menelli, formerly from Bankstown, coaches the under 16, Ray Mason under 15 and John Hedison under 14.

Maybe \$25,000 is invested every year in the production of a few players of top potential, but the expense must be worthwhile when compared with going to the market for what is available at the time, especially as current rules limit imports drastically.

The club coach has, as one of his tasks, the guiding of district coaches, and he covers school competitions during the week.

Senior coaches take regular refresher courses to increase their expertise.

Genial Mrs Fay Noyes of the club public relations staff conducts the vital midweek under 15 schools competition for the Commonwealth Bank Cup. This is a competition that spreads from St George to the adjacent and even more vast nursery of Sutherland Shire.

Aside from the huge numbers of Protestant Churches Soccer Football Association teams in the district there is now a big move forward in the Catholic Schools

And, to top it off, striker Fabian Sacilotto, 13, returned this season after six months intensive specialised coaching in Italy.

Only in January last, with the support of St George Soccer Club and National flag carrier Qantas, young Peter Petkovski and Craig Dow flew to London with assistant coach Frank Lang to further their soccer knowledge.

Brett Thornthwaite has been in London with Chelsea to improve his skills.

Canterbury-Marrickville U14 side lines up for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's camera at Arlington Recreation Ground, Dulwich Hill. At left of the picture is Greg Brown, the Berries' first team defender.



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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

IT'S WAR BETWEEN S.A. FEDERATION AND PSL CLUBS

By Tom McKain

Soccer achievements or failures aside, the curtain came down on the 1980 South Australian season with the rift between the SA Soccer Federation clubs and the PSL as wide as ever.

In some circles there was an open rubbing of hands as West Adelaide slumped into the relegation zone, and chuckles of glee as Adelaide City had to rally supporters for a cash flow boost.

And there is no indication that the war will end next year — indeed it could worsen.

Under a new format for the SA Soccer Federation Board, active club members can now sit on the Board.

It was felt that while there were independent members there would

be a more balanced outlook on the game. Now, if the Board is packed with club officials, the view could become more parochial than it is already.

The amazing feature of the situation is that not one club applied to be considered for the PSL.

This attitude has been worrying several Board members who thought that the State league clubs would respond to the PSL by lifting their sights and improving their standard.

While there has been

improvement in some areas, it seems obvious none of the current First Division clubs want to move up to the PSL. (Perhaps don't want to risk moving up would be a better way to describe their attitude!)

In some ways one can't blame them. None has anywhere near the support or financial backing of City and West, nor the grounds and facilities.

However, a joint effort with a State squad being turned into a new club would not be an impossible task.

This may yet come,

but for the moment we still have a "you" and "us" situation.

The only sign of a thaw was the invitation to City and West to return to the Ampol Cup summer night series.

However, the PSL pair, while accepting, see it merely as a way for the gates to be boosted, and not as the offering of any olive branch by the "opposition".

As it is there will be only the top three from First Division in the competition, along with the PSL pair, a Second Division select, the Amateur League State team and the State Under 19 Youth squad.

Previously the top six from First Division went into the summer contest, but gates were so poor the Federation decided to try a new format.

Some clubs are upset at not being in the Ampol Cup, while others

see it as yet another way of saving money — no training or playing fees for players.

Sweeping changes to the leagues — larger and an increase from the present First, Second and Metropolitan leagues which would have taken in all the so-called amateur teams — has been deferred.

The changes were put forward by a special committee set up by the Federation Board, and it was suggested they be pushed through for next season.

However, the Council of Clubs knocked them back and they may now never take place.

One of the most significant moves was the entry of country team Whyalla into Second Division, where it almost gained promotion with some outstanding performances and crushing victories.

However, we hear that several clubs are not happy with the cost of travelling to Whyalla, which would seem to put a damper on any moves to form a truly State league by bringing in other country areas as new clubs.

While the crowds slumped on the PSL

scene, they were no better at the local grounds.

However, league champions Croatia and runner-up Para Hills topped the 2,000 paid mark when they met in the final round of the season at Para Hills in a match which decided the title.

Croatia got the title, then Para Hills went on to win the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup, beating Croatia in the final.

Croatia had knocked out Cumberland in one play-off while Para accounted for Polonia.

The Federation Cup went to Beograd in a tame affair when they beat Enfield Victoria who are relegated to Second Division next year.

As we mentioned the other week all 10 teams look like having new coaches for 1980.

Only Port Adelaide's Neville Yeing could still be with the same club, and even he is doubtful.

Croatia have lost Billy Birch to West Adelaide after he split himself between the two clubs towards the end of the season when he attempted a rescue job for West.

Para Hills and Frank

Schaper have parted company with Schaper favourite to take over from Rale Rasic at Adelaide City.

As we went to Press, Mike Ball had taken over from Denis Harlow at Cumberland.

The latter have appointed Ball player-coach after his sterling work over the last few years as the team's sweeper.

But Cumberland is the only club at this stage to have made an appointment.

And with only Croatia, Para Hills and Cumberland in the Ampol Cup from First Division, no one else seems in any great hurry.

Over the whole piece there were some exciting games but no great surge forward, apart from Para Hills' triumph coming out of the wilderness to almost snatch the title then going on to take the Top Four crown.

West Adelaide and Adelaide City have been dealt with elsewhere, but like the local clubs they failed to pull in the crowds.

For SA it was not the best of seasons.

OPEN LETTER TO THE VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION

DECENTRALISATION WILL WIN

For very many years the even and increased extension of soccer throughout the entire Australian community at junior and school level has founded on the limited progress made in Victoria generally and Melbourne particularly.

A huge junior game and resultant community family interest cannot be produced in Australia if there is an Achilles heel.

It has been regularly noted that the limited number of junior competitions actually played in Victoria do not line up with the total figures provided in official publications.

Queensland, Northern NSW, NSW and the ACT in particular have proven methods to bring soccer into the junior and schools scene in the face of resistance.

So much so that there are famous Rugby League clubs whose junior nurseries are only one tenth the size of the Soccer

juniors in their districts.

The secret, apart from widespread general enthusiasm and dedication, is DECENTRALISATION.

Over-centralised control will only restrict.

Suburban clubs formed at 10-12 years and multiplied work wonders.

New separate districts appear, and the work is carried on to

the outstanding enthusiasts, local parents, friends, coaches, managers and referees.

Why not try the proven principle? The record of the past 30 years has not even dimmed public interest in the State, and if this position does not improve dramatically, then the situation may not be that much better at the turn of the century.



VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION FINAL TABLES — 1980 YOUTH LEAGUE — CENTRAL DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland	22	15	5	2	76	28	35
Keilor	22	15	5	2	68	23	35
Croydon City	22	12	5	5	58	31	29
Altona City	22	11	4	7	45	28	26
St Kilda Hakoah	22	12	1	9	54	38	25
Essendon Croatia	22	7	7	8	44	32	21
George Cross	22	7	7	8	46	43	21
Waverley City	22	7	7	8	41	48	21
Broadmeadows City	22	8	1	13	31	57	17
Frankston City	22	6	4	12	32	46	16
Juventus	22	3	3	16	19	60	9
Melton	22	3	3	16	18	98	9

YOUTH LEAGUE — SOUTH/EAST DIVISION

	18	14	2	2	62	24	30
Springvale City	18	10	4	4	57	34	24
Ferntree Gully	18	10	2	6	53	31	22
Rosanna	18	9	2	7	61	36	20
Knox City	18	8	4	6	32	35	20
Frankston Pines	18	8	3	7	39	42	19
Box Hill	18	7	3	8	45	37	17
Mooroolbark	18	6	1	11	36	52	13
Brighton	18	4	3	11	30	50	11
Doveton	18	2	0	16	26	100	4
Sunbury United	18	2	0	16	26	100	4
Grensbrough	18	2	0	16	26	100	4
Nunawading City	18	2	0	16	26	100	4
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VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION FINAL TABLES — 1980 YOUTH LEAGUE — CENTRAL DIVISION ONE

	22	17	5	0	71	10	39
Yarraville	22	14	3	5	50	36	31
West Melbourne	22	13	4	5	58	30	30
Cheltenham	22	13	3	6	55	38	29
Moonee Ponds	22	11	6	5	51	39	28
Brunswick City	22	11	3	8	51	44	25
Altona United	22	9	3	10	51	51	21
Central City	22	7	5	10	35	48	19
Burnley	22	3	5	14	35	58	11
Mitcham United	22	3	4	15	21	56	10
Banksia	22	3	4	15	29	73	10

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	22	15	3	4	66	27	33
Central City	22	15	3	4	46	16	33
Moonee Ponds	22	14	3	5	43	22	31
Yarraville	22	13	4	5	51	34	30
West Melbourne	22	9	5	8	37	32	23
Monbulk	22	9	5	8	45	30	23
Altona United	22	8	5	9	42	46	21
Brunswick City	22	8	5	9	45	42	21
Cheltenham	22	5	7	10	36	44	17
Banksia	22	7	3	12	28	38	17
Burnley	22	4	5				

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

VICTORIA CUP A FLOP

Says Bob Brian

So far the Victoria Cup has proved to be a dismal failure with the only saving grace being the opportunity for our National Youth squad to "limber up" for the forthcoming World Youth Cup here next year.

Performances have been little short of pathetic by players who clearly have absolutely no interest in the tournament.

There have been a couple of exceptions, the Youths, of course, who have everything to gain from playing well and Green Gully, who have never had fewer than seven 18-year-olds, in each of their games so far.

Unfortunately the fans want to see the big names. This is what they are paying for and it is the reason attendances have been so low.

So it is to the Youths, we look for entertain-

ment and at Olympic Park, tomorrow night they meet Juventus at 7 p.m.

Personally I have no doubts at all that the Youths will win as Juventus, has so much trouble behind the scenes, that they will be lucky if they are able to field a team at all.

Alex Nelson, Bobby McGuinness and George Gillon, fell out with the club and were told they would play for Juventus again.

With Frank Munro, also out and Oscar Crino, a likely Youth team player, that puts an awful burden on their player resources.

Cup specialists Essendon Croatia, tackle the young, eager-beavers of Green Gully, in the second game at approximately 8.45 p.m.

Danger here for Essendon unless they decide to take things seriously.

These Green Gully youngsters, backed by veterans Jimmy Dunne, Billy Vojtek and Willie Vassallo, have played well so far particularly when they lost 0-1 to PSL Club South Melbourne.

Like I said, much depends on Essendon's attitude. For they certainly have the players to teach the youngsters a lesson.

On Sunday at Middle Park, State League champions Preston Macedonia, meet PSL club Footscray, in what should be a very interesting game.

Preston have applied for a place in the PSL and this is good, a chance as any to prove they are worth it.

Footscray, struggled towards the end of last season and will be hard pushed to hold their own against Preston.

Footscray simply has nothing to match the



George Gillon

goal-scoring power of Robert Cullen, George McMillan and their former player Peter O'Leary.

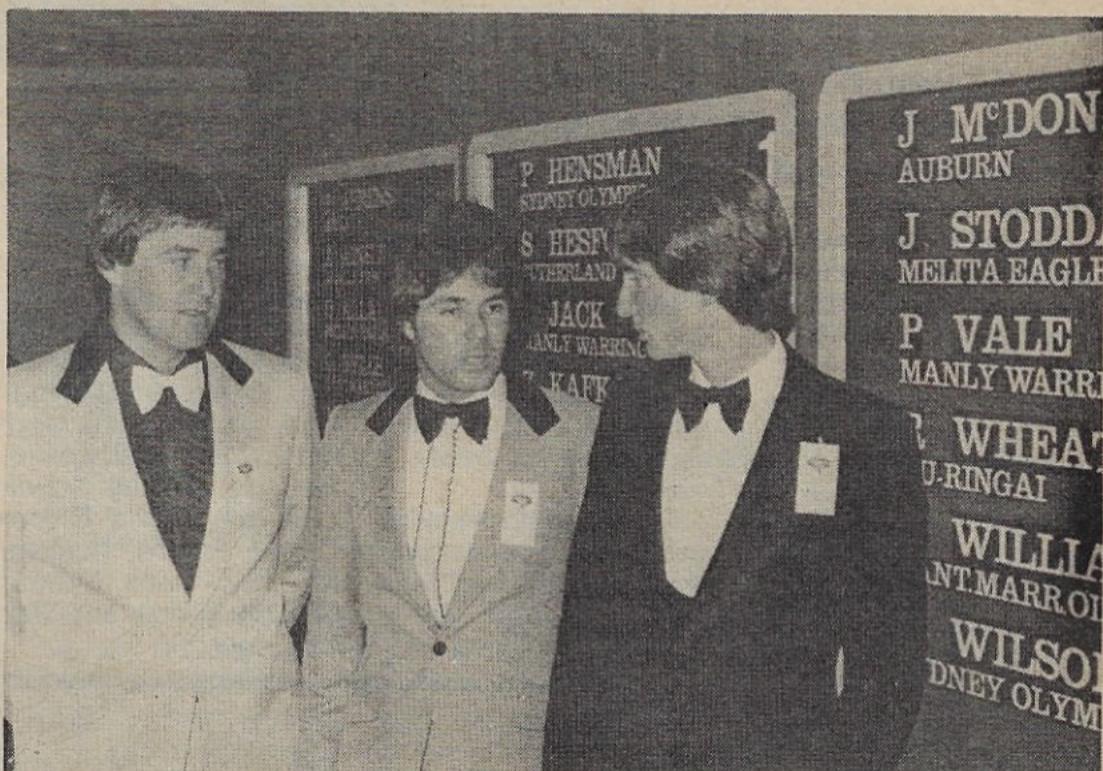
These three are good enough to give Preston the edge.

That game starts at 1.30 p.m. At approximately 3.15 p.m. South Melbourne, meet St Kilda Hakoah.

Again there is danger here for the PSL Club, as St. Kilda, are at their most dangerous when they are the underdogs.

Another thing, Graham French and Chris Kent, both former South Melbourne players will derive a great deal of pleasure from putting one over on their old club.

GLOOMY? NOT THESE MEN FROM MANLY



Coach Terry Stone (left) with two Manly players who polled well at the Rothmans Medal night — David Jack and Peter Vale.

To any Soccer supporter outside the immediate vicinity of the Manly Warringah Soccer Club, it would appear that the Seasiders had yet another disappointing season during 1980.

Indeed throughout the whole season, Manly waged that now perennial battle against their continuing foe — relegation.

The atmosphere in the Manly camp is far from gloomy. However, Manly officials are not disheartened and point to many encouraging performances by certain players during the winter.

Goalkeeper Mark Dower, a golf professional, played so well in place of former regular Chris Casettari, following the latter's shocking injury, that several Coca Cola State League clubs have expressed interest in him. Ironically, Dower had to be coaxed out of semi-retirement to make his comeback with Manly this season.

In defence, George Townsend and Bruce Doyle formed possibly the most capable pairing in the league. Unfortunately for Manly, the rugged Townsend will be returning to his native England at the end of the year.

Doyle, who polled very well in the Coca Cola "Player of the Year" award, must be the most underrated sweeper in Sydney.

Manly's future aspirations will undoubtedly rest with their exciting young quartet, Peter Vale, Stuart Riley, Robbie Stuart and Dudley Fox.

Vale and Riley, both 18, were recognised by being selected to play for N.S.W. in the Australian Youth team trials in Canberra.

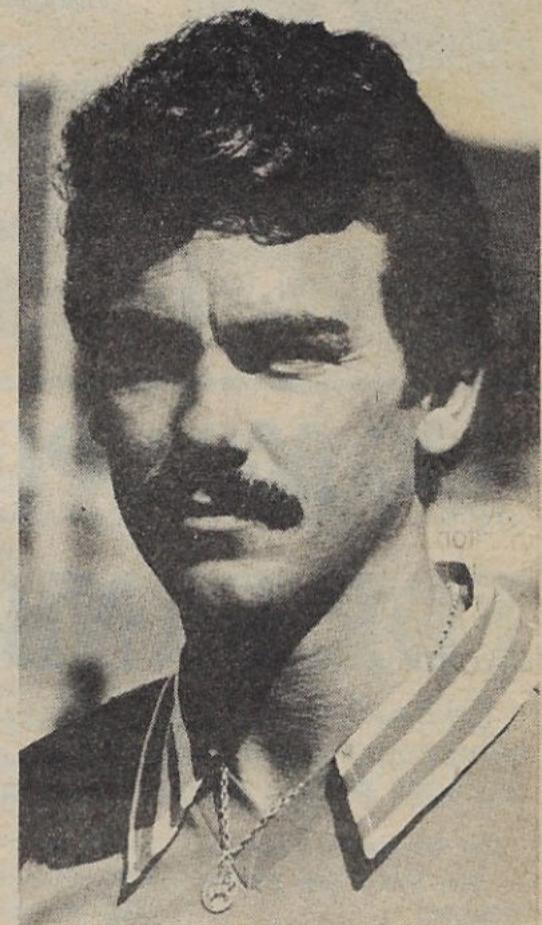
Stuart, an old-fashioned, right winger, suffered a couple of nagging injuries during the season, but during the later stages showed glimpses of the form he is capable of.

Dudley Fox possesses uncanny close control, dribbling and shooting skills which make him one of Sydney's most promising youngsters. Manly officials believe that if this young man decides to combine his undoubted ability with a little more dedication, he could represent Australia one day.

Midfielder David Jack missed several games through injury but was still the side's top scorer. Jack, who has been a consistent goalscorer throughout his career, amazingly had to wait 12 games to score his first goal. He then grabbed seven goals in his next eight games to spark a Manly revival.

Manly's squad was strengthened this season by the acquisition of the "Kuringai Connection", Graham Firrell and Dave Hardaker.

Firrell, like Jack, spent weeks on the sideline through injury but was still the



GRAHAM FIRRELL

club's second highest scorer. Hardaker, the club's second recruit from neighboring Kuringai, added solidity to a Manly side that sometimes played a little too adventurously for its own good.

It seems certain that the energetic Terry Stone will be re-appointed coach for the 1981 season. This is a forward step for a club notorious for "one season wonder" coaches.

Stone, an amiable Englishman, has worked untiringly with a very limited first team squad this season as well as being hit with an injury list that would have flattened many coaches. It is to his credit that Stone has been able to command the respect of his players, without resorting to the histrionics and bullying tactics of several name coaches.

At the beginning of the season Terry Stone indicated that Manly would try and play an attractive style of football. However when unable to achieve both style and results, Manly adopted a more cautious approach to that game and ironically were able to pick up more points.

With the continuing development of their home ground, Cromer Park, the imminent construction of a licensed club on the site, the current crop of young players and the signing of two English players, it would appear that the optimism expressed by officials for the coming season is not unfounded.

SOUTHS, ST. KILDA IN SEMI-FINALS

By GREG BLAKE

South Melbourne and Hakoah-St. Kilda won semi-final berths in the Victoria cup by defeating Essendon and Green Gully respectively on Sunday at Middle Park.

In the first game, Green Gully's young brigade, although aquitting themselves well, found a confident Hakoah team a shade too talented.

Hakoah took the lead on the quarter hour when Webster mishit a cross which lobbed over Denys into goal.

French scored the second goal 14 minutes later when he headed home McClunie's cross.

Ajax looked all at sea around goal, although Fryer was called upon to stop a shot from Voytek moments later.

They delighted their vocal supporters when Jimmy Dunne pulled a goal back seven minutes from half-time.

But St. Kilda renewed their attack in the second half and only fine goalkeeping by young substitute Lukac kept the scoreline intact.

Lukac capped his fine afternoon by saving a penalty.

Dosen increased Hakoah's lead 11 minutes from time, when he put the final touch on a shot from Graham French.

The gutsy Croatia side might well have taken more from the game if not for Souths' second choice goalkeeper Lou Tsigaris.

The youngster saved Souths on numerous occasions in the second half.

On that performance, he won't be second choice for long.

Alun Evans opened Souths' account in the 28th minute when his shot from the corner of the area was deflected into the corner of the area by Steve Kokoska.

Billy Wright added a simple second goal when he netted a rebound after Blasby mishandled Dunne's cross.

RESULTS
Essendon 0, South Melbourne 2 (Wright Evans), Green Gully 1 (Dunne), Hakoah-St. Kilda 3 (Webster, French, Dosen).

GROUP B

Hakoah St Kilda 2 — 5.2.4
South Melbourne 2 — 5.2.4
Essendon 2 — 2.1.4.0
Green Gully 2 — 2.1.4.0



"Bill Fleming" Award winner for 1980, Jimmy Dunne of Green Gully is congratulated by ASF boss Sir Arthur George.



AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

MOULIS IS RE-ELECTED

By Steve Burns

Well known Canberra restaurateur Mr Theo Moulis has been re-elected, unopposed as Canberra City President for 1981.

His was the only nomination received.

His appointment will be confirmed at the club's annual general meeting on Thursday, November 6.

However, these will be a battle for the vice-president and 8 directors' positions on the board.

Seven people have nominated for the 2 vice-president positions and 16 have nominated for the directors' position.

Amongst them are several former directors, including foundation directors Alan Cringle and Hal Leslie.

Mr Leslie was more than any other individual responsible for the club's success in its initial 2 years.

Nominations for the positions of vice-president have been received from George Donda, Steve Doszpot, Jack Evans, Nor-

man Knowles, Ray McGregor and Ron Wilson.

Nominations for directors' positions (8 to be elected) have been received from Alan Cringle, Dennis Moyer, Ron Wilson, Ian Scilling, Arthur Higgins, Claude Le Chiang, Frank Kunz, Hal Leslie, George Paulus, Kevin Osbourne, David Dillon, Charlie Perkins, Norman, Knowles, Jack Evans, George Donda and Ray McGregor.

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\$30,000 SPONSORSHIP FOR CANBERRA CITY

Canberra City, desperately trying to keep heads above water with substantial financial problems, could land \$30,000 sponsorship for the 1981 Philips Soccer League program.

The money is available — but there are strings attached.

One is that the person who secured the sponsorship should be on the Board of Directors.

Canberra has three players on the transfer list — Mike Milovanovic, Danny Moulis and Don Maclare.

If all three are sold, it will help relieve financial headaches. Moulis seems booked for South Melbourne.

There is also talk that

"Italians" Bas Giampaolo and Walter Valeri are interesting Leichhardt.

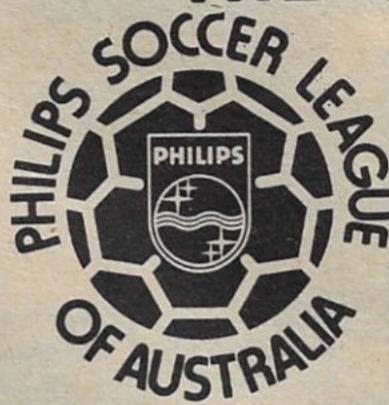
Leichhardt need Italian players to lure back their ethnic fans, but after the costly experience of Rosario Rampanti, they want to recruit them in Australia.

Canberra City, though, claim Giampaolo and Valeri would not be keen on moving to Sydney.

There's a "Greek" flavour about this table. From left, Manos Milius, John Spanos, John Margaritis, Theo Skalkos, Leo Anezakis, Arthur Loutas, Jim Manganopoulos and Jim Bakatsoulas.



OLYMPIC AND PRESTON IN THE PSL



By
KEITH GILMOUR

There was the sound of revelry by night at Sydney Olympic's social club; Preston president John Brian and their huge band of supporters were overjoyed when the increased PSL membership was announced.

The 16-team complement for 1981 brought no surprises, but there was a perhaps qualified gloom in the St George and Melita camps.

Wollongong City had already been admitted to capture for the Philips League its seventh major Australian city, and no-one expected that West Adelaide would be dropped any more than South Melbourne had been the year before.

From the national viewpoint, the League composition once again confirmed that regionalisation, successful funding, playing strength and facilities are well enthroned in the selection process, along with the club's current State League rating.

It makes one wonder whether a franchising system, still well over the horizon, is coming a little closer.

Olympic president John Constantine said his club will finalise its coaching appointment this week and then seek three more players to build the team.

Preston president John Brian said: "Even if we had remained in State League, we would have been strengthening our team."

"At B.T. Connor Reserve at Reservoir in the Municipality of Preston we have the main ground and three extra

pitches.

"We have built on to the Macedonian support quite a lot from the local Australian community and Melita camps.

"On top of that we have a growing complement from various background nationalities."

St George president Alex Fongrass took it all on the chin.

"I could have given orders to strengthen the team to avoid the possibility of relegation earlier in the year, but I did not think I should."

"The PSL will have to face the need for a regional State basis due to increasing costs. However with Frank Arok, we will rebuild a good team from local talent," he said.

Melita Eagles president Emanuel Said commented: "We are very disappointed. There is no set criteria. Our impression was that first past the post in State League was enough."

In the wings was Peter Sheean, Executive Director of the Parramatta Leagues Club.

Sheean said: "I'm impressed with operations such as Marconi-Fairfield's. But will the Philips League be professional enough for us when we are ready to join?"

"We will have the stadium, the players and the coach to challenge anyone in Australia."

PRESTO QUIZ... THANKS TO EVERYONE

For the first time since AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY was born, there is no Presto Soccer Quiz in this issue. The reason is obvious. Next week we start our summer break and we wouldn't want the Quiz winner to wait until next January to see the result in A.S.W.

We must take this opportunity to thank all those readers who entered the contest. There were many winners and, of course, many unlucky losers.

But you all entered into the spirit of the Quiz and we had no trouble finding a winner with each issue.

A.S.W. is also grateful to Presto Smallgood Pty Ltd for distributing all those marvellous hams and smallgoods as prizes in the Quiz.

Our final Presto Quiz last week was won by

P. BOSI OF 17A RANFURLEY ROAD, DOUBLE BAY, NSW 2028. HE CHOSE A PRESTO HAM.

Here are the correct answers:
1. England. 2. Yes. 3. Bayern Munich. 4. Ajax Amsterdam. 5. No. 6. Yes.



READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

In your Vol 1 No 36 issue there was a letter concerning Heidelberg United and it wasn't a polite letter either.

Mr/Mrs W Lever criticised Heidelberg about everything. How they play and how they put goals. I think I can guess who he/she supports. Sydney City!

I don't think Sydney City are crash hot either. Now all I can say is congratulations Heidelberg United for winning the grand final and hard cheese Sydney City.

And congratulations Gary Cole for making a hat trick. P.S. A beautiful score for the grand final 4-0.

A Heidelberg United fan
Anna Victoria

It is with some annoyance that I continually read the rather biased stand your paper is taking on the so called "Summer Soccer" issue. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion of course and I always try and understand fully the point being put before assessing the merits and demerits of the argument.

However the letter published in last week's edition from Mr Spitzer has caused me to finally take up the pen. Mr Spitzer, who for many years resided in Brisbane and held posts in various Soccer organisations, appears to have joined the ranks of those famous Australians, The Kockers, and this is disappointing to say the least. It is many years since Mr Spitzer resided in our furnace like climate but I think he would still remember his Merton boys doing their pre-season training (like every other player in Brisbane) on the steaming hot nights of January and February. To the best of my knowledge none have ever been lost.

Of far more serious concern should be the fact that Mr Spitzer's new love, Sydney City, without doubt the best, and most attractive team in Australia, are flat out drawing 1000 people to the Sydney Athletic Field. With Mr Spitzer's undoubtedly experience in Soccer administration I would have thought he'd be far better employed trying to explain away that problem rather than knock a suggestion that has far more merit than any of your columnists would have us believe, and as such, surely deserves a go.

Come on A.S.W., you lay claim to being a progressive Soccer publication. If this is so, then you must present two sides of a debate and let your readers decide for themselves. That is the true function of the written word, and if you really believe in your own particular stand you will win in the end, without stooping to journalistic subterfuge.

Jim Binnie
Auchenflower
Brisbane

You are probably right when you say summer Soccer hasn't got a hope in Australia but you have to look at some of the reasons for the idea being mooted.

Everybody knows that crowds are down dismally this year. Drastic problems require drastic remedies.

That is the only reason people are discussing summer Soccer and you cannot blame them.

The feeling amongst many people is... we have got nothing to lose so give it a go.

Everything suggests summer Soccer will fall flat on its face but until it is tried, we cannot be certain of that.

J. Dudley-Smith,
GOSFORD.

RACING AND POOLS — A LUCKY COMBINATION!

All who are sports-minded are bound to have a flutter on the Melbourne Cup today.



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BIRMINGHAM	CRYSTAL P.	1	/
BRIGHTON	MIDDLESBRO'	2	X
LEEDS	ARSENAL	3	X
LEICESTER	MAN. CITY	4	/
LIVERPOOL	NOTT'M FOR.	5	/
MAN. UTD.	COVENTRY	6	/
NORWICH	EVERTON	7	2
SOUTH'PTON	IPSWICH	8	2
SUNDERLAND	STOKE	9	1
TOTTENHAM	WOLVES	10	/
WEST BROM.	ASTON VILLA	11	X
BRISTOL C.	BLACKBURN	12	2
CAMB'GE U.	NEWCASTLE	13	X
CHELSEA	OLDHAM	14	/
NOTTS C.	DERBY	15	/
PRESTON	CARDIFF	16	/
Q.P.R.	LUTON	17	/
SHEFF. WED.	WREXHAM	18	/
SHREWSBURY	BRISTOL R.	19	X
SWANSEA	ORIENT	20	/
WATFORD	BOLTON	21	X
WEST HAM	GRIMSBY	22	/
BURNLEY	READING	23	/
CARLISLE	FULHAM	24	X
CHARLTON	ROTHERHAM	25	/
CHESTER	SHEFF. UTD.	26	2
CHESTERF'L'D	BRENTFORD	27	/
COLCHESTER	SWINDON	28	/
EXETER	BARNESLEY	29	2
GILLINGHAM	PORTSMOUTH	30	/
MILLWALL	HUDDERSF'L'D	31	X
NEWPORT	HULL	32	/
OXFORD UTD.	BLACKPOOL	33	/
PLYMOUTH	WALSALL	34	X
ALDERSHOT	PETERBORO'	35	/
BURY	BOURNEM'TH	36	2
CREWE	YORK	37	/
DARLINGTON	TRANMERE	38	/
HALIFAX	HARTEPOOL	39	/
LINCOLN	SOUTHEND	40	/
MANSFIELD	TORQUAY	41	/
PORT VALE	ROCHDALE	42	/
SCUNTHORPE	HEREFORD	43	X
WIGAN A.	BRADFORD C.	44	X
WIMBLEDON	NORTH'PTON	45	/
CELTIC	ABERDEEN	46	X
HEARTS	DUNDEE UTD.	47	/
KILMARNOCK	AIRDRIE	48	/
PARTICK	MORTON	49	X
ST. MIRREN	RANGERS	50	2
BERWICK	DUMBARTON	51	2
CLYDEBANK	ST. JOHNS'NE	52	/
DUNDEE	MOTHERWELL	53	/
DUNF'MLINE	FALKIRK	54	X
E. STIRLING	HIBERNIAN	55	2

And, judging by the luck of a few punters recently . . . horses racing and the Pools are a great combination.

Although the Scoop prize of \$172,874.40 last week went to a Melbourne man, Ethel Smith of Townsville, was also in the money after winning \$19,802.15 on the Pools.

Ethel, a typist with the Main Roads Board and in her mid-forties, said she doesn't usually invest much on the Pools.

"I can't afford to — but I thought if ever I was going to win the Pools it was now, while my luck was in.

"You see . . . in the past fortnight I have won \$143 on one double at the races, \$96 on another, as well as \$28 and \$22 on two long — price fancies", she said.

So, Ethel decided to put her winnings on the Pools and lodge five separate entries.

It was the best decision she had made in her life as each entry was a prize-winner.

This lucky combination doesn't just end there.

Peter Ashmead, also of Townsville, who won \$154,300.50 in August has done the reverse.

Peter has put some of his Pools winnings into racing.

And since his Pools win, he has had only one losing day at the races!

Now he has bought his own racehorse.

The colt, an unrace two-year-old by Irish-bred sire 'Ringleader' is out of 'Jazzy'. 'Jazzy' is one of the greatest stallions ever brought to Australia.

Peter, who shared the Pools Scoop prize with another entry from Queensland, has appropriately called the colt 'Shared the Pools' and will race it in the Pools Promotion colours of orange, yellow and black.

Bloodstock agent, Harry Lawton, who negotiated the purchase, said he had high hopes for the colt 'Shared the Pools' as it has a good blend of European speed and New Zealand stamina.

'Shared the Pools' will be trained in Sydney by Albert McKenna and if Peter Ashmead's lucky run holds, the horse may be just the one to watch at next year's Melbourne Cup.

So remember, to back a winner may take a combination of a bet at the races and a punt on the Pools!



ETHEL SMITH BEING CONGRATULATED ON HER WIN BY HER CHILDREN KAYE, RICHIE AND JULIE.

GET YOUR POOLS IN...
With DEBORAH



TRIPLE CELEBRATION



TAKIS CHRISTOU PLAYING TABLE TENNIS AFTER LEARNING OF HIS \$172,874 POOLS WIN.

Takis Christou, a 32 year old unemployed Melbourne bachelor, certainly has cause to celebrate. Born in Egypt of Greek parents, Takis started by celebrating his mother's 63rd birthday, and the

Greek National Day. But before the day was to end, he had further cause for celebration.

At night, when about to compete in an A grade table tennis tournament, he was advised that he was last weeks Pools scoop winner, and had won prices totalling \$172,874.40. Only minutes after learning of his win, he was at the table playing his first rubber, which he won 21-14, 21-13. He then went on to win his two remaining rubbers.

Since his retrenchment four years ago from the medical scientific equipment company for whom he had worked for the past

14 years, Takis has spent most of his time seeking another job. Asked if would still be as conscientious in his job hunting now that he had over \$170,000.00 to his name, Takis replied:

"This may sound corny, but I believe this win was God's will. I am a religious person, and I believe this money came to me now, at the right time, when I need it most. Therefore, I must use it in the best way I can. I will pay off my mother's house and pay other debts, and where I can, I will help other people. But I will have to think seriously how best to use what is left. But yes, I will still keep looking for a job, I have to keep occupied."

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS 3 pts 5, 10, 15, 19, 20, 24, 32, 38, 42
SCORELESS DRAWS 2 pts 6, 12, 16, 50.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	1	3	1	2	1	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	23
2	1	1	3	3	1	1
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
3	1	1	1	1	1	1
32	33	34	35	36	37	38
3	1	1	1	1	1	1
40	41	42	43	44	45	46
1	1	3	1	1	1	1
48	49	50	51	52	53	54
1	1	2	1	1	1	1

A.S.W. CONTINUES ITS SERIES SURVEYING THE 1980 SEASON AS IT AFFECTED ALL CLUBS. ON THIS PAGE AND THE NEXT FEW PAGES, WE LOOK AT EIGHT CLUBS AND WHAT THEY ACHIEVED THIS YEAR.



VETERAN BRUCE STOWELL TAKES THE BALL AWAY FROM MURRAY BARNES.

BLACKTOWN CITY INTESTINAL FORTITUDE

by Keith Gilmour

Blacktown Demons demonstrated what they are made of by turning a low-budget team into one which succeeded in holding its place in Australia's premier soccer League.

Secretary-manager Peter Thorne is first to admit that, in submitting a Philips League application from third place in the NSW State League of 1979, the club was looking to cement its claim for future years.

The gamble paid off and Blacktown, representing the huge west of Sydney zone, was admitted.

The fly in the Blacktown ointment was that the club was committed to spend nearly \$500,000 in extending the clubhouse at its perfectly-sited seven-acre property at Seven Hills in the heart of the west.

And that followed the cost of laying its own stadium and embankments.

As could be anticipated, even after defeating St George in a deluge in its first home game (and losing some of Bobby Charlton's pulling power due to the weather), that Blacktown would struggle.

And struggle they did. Coach Mick Jones was aghast every time he struck a couple of injuries,

because the lack of depth in the squad made wins well nigh impossible.

The signing of Warren Turnbull and ex-Socceroo Georgie Harris made a difference to the defence, but the surprise return of Bruce Stowell to top football was shortlived when he damaged his back.

Don Campbell and then high-rising Peter Cuk filled the defensive gap, but Campbell still needed experience and Cuk broke a leg.

Then came the confrontation between Mick Jones and midfielder Dave Harding — a situation that pointed to the Demons being relegated for sure.

A \$8,000 contra deal transfer saw Harding depart for Leichhardt and Brian O'Donnell arrive.

Little dynamo Stewart Selvage came from Marconi for \$5,000, and all at once the Demons' case was defensible.

Injuries carried by star young winger Ian Hunter did not help, but Jones' attitude was that he could

put up with a pasting when he faced teams like Sydney City.

He kept morale up by attacking, and the outcome was that boldness won the day and Blacktown ended 11th on the table — equal with Canberra City on points, and followed by Brisbane City, West Adelaide and St George.

When it came to the crunch good teams knew that the Demons would use too much energy in the first half to succeed in the second, but the club was up there for 1981.

At best their midfield of Ricci Hormazabal, Brian

O'Donnell and Stewart Selvage were most convincing.

One thing that Mick Jones set up for Blacktown, and it is to be hoped they are grateful for it, is the youngsters that are on the way through the grades.

Not the least of them will be found to be 16 year-old Mick Lanyon who played with tremendous touch in the last game of the season.

As the attendances, the Demons did so well that they stand to be one of Sydney's best crowd-pullers in future.



Ian Hunter

WEE WILLIE'S DELIGHT — LEICHHARDT RAN EIGHTH

by Keith Gilmour

Former Scottish and Celtic great Willie Wallace, the Leichhardt coach, would certainly have given the legendary pound to the hospital if he could have been sure during the year that his charges would have ended eighth on the Philips League table.

At the same time Willie stuck to his guns when the flack was flying, claiming that the team was much better than it was being labelled.

There was much more than an element of truth in what he said, otherwise how could they have picked themselves up off the floor when things were looking grim and relegation was not far away.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the year was when high transfer fee Bill Pirie arrived from Dundee.

The fitness and razor-keen edge to his game that was on show when he previously guested with Sydney Olympic were just not there, and unfortunately injury took him out for a deal of the season.

He came back somewhat gingerly with precious few goals to show for his efforts, but towards the end he started to put it together — an indication that he could be a big force again in 1981.

Unfortunately for the club former Socceroo great Peter Wilson started slowly, and ace midfielder and winger Terry Butler got himself tied up with a serious groin problem.

At the front Phil O'Connor, an expensive buy from St George, put in some good work, and at times young Robbie Drews and Tony Morsello pulled their weight.

Morsello has the perception and skill to be a fine player if he can put his mind 100% to the task.

Dave Harding showed some excellent form when he was not under an injury cloud, and the defence was uncompromising due to the work of Jim Dempsey and Wilson.

Goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse was not quite as effective as he might have been. He is a player who thrives on hard work



WILLIE WALLACE

and training, otherwise his best does not show.

The Lambert Park ground, small though it is, was a picture early in the season, but the surface deteriorated as it takes too many schools' matches as well as senior games.

The steady revival of a club that suffered previously when it did not enter the Philips League initially proved hard to accomplish.

Crowds did not appear as results were ordinary. In the good old days they had been fed on a diet of continued success.

Against Marconi — yes — there was the old enthusiasm, but some extra magic is needed in the promotion of the team, or some addition that will pull in the fans.

SATISFYING FOR LIONS

By Wally Bruce

Although they did not finish with any trophies for the clubhouse sideboard, Brisbane Lions would regard the 1980 season as satisfying for a number of reasons.

BRISBANE LIONS STATISTICS

Brisbane Lions had three players who completed 26 full matches in the Philips League this year, Col Bennett, Jim Hermiston and striker Ron Millman. Left back Alan Niven would have done so but for incurring a suspension near the end of the season.

The full appearances for Lions in 1980 (PSL competition matches only) were:

PLAYER	FULL MATCHES	PART MATCHES	GOALS SCORED
Tony Scanlan	19	—	—
Paul Ontong	21	2	3
Col Bennett	26	—	—
Jim Hermiston	26	—	1
Alan Niven	25	—	2
Gerry Lindsay	15	6	2
Ron Millman	26	—	8
Graham Wilson	13	6	—
Mark McNaughton	12	9	1
Steven Hogg	23	2	1
Alan Hughes	5	5	1
Johan Verweij	10	10	2
Tom McGregor	8	6	3
Calvin Daunt	—	5	—
John Ogden	4	7	—
Danny Wright	4	2	1
Nigel Lownds	7	—	—
Paul Burns	1	2	—
John Reid	2	5	1
Eddie Spearritt	1	5	1
Ian Lawrie	—	3	—
Steve Amos	—	1	—

For a start, the club was able to slide its way back into a much more stable position, financially, as a result of moving back to their fine headquarters at the Lions Stadium, Richlands.

After leaving Perry Park, Lions were able to build up their local support and erase the red markings in their ledger book, through canteen and bar takings, fence advertising and life memberships.



These things of course were not possible at Perry Park and before the season finished, Lions president John Marcus proudly claimed that his club was "in the black" for the first time in eight years.

Not many clubs at present could boast of that situation. And certainly even fewer could look ahead to the day when Lions will be able to proclaim the Lions Stadium as one of the top sports complexes in the country.

At the start of the season, Lions did not rush out madly and spend a fortune on players.

In fact, the only additions were Steven Hogg from Canberra City, Gerry Lindsay and John Reid from local State League clubs and Johan Verweij and Mark McNaughton, from New Zealand.

During the year they used a mixture of tried and tested performers and their own youngsters, Graham Wilson, Tom McGregor, John Ogden, Paul Burns and the real find of the PSL competition, striker Danny Wright.

They also picked up youth internationals Calvin Daunt and Glenn Ahearn on white amateur forms, although the latter unfortunately left chiefly because Lions had two established keepers, Tony Scanlan and Nigel Lownds.

There is no doubt the great strength of the Lions side this season was its defence, which basically was Scanlan, backed by the four-across the back of Paul Ontong, Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett and Alan Niven.

In the midfield, Hogg was by far the most consistent performer but his form fell away a little past the halfway mark of the season.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf insists that Hogg was used in the

wrong manner by Lions, as an offensive play-maker, instead of a hard-tackling defensive midfielder in front of the back four.

Lions lacked firepower up front and it was this factor which cost the side victory in many matches and a possible place in the top four.

That achievement looked a distinct likelihood until the halfway mark — when Ron Millman was scoring regularly, but the pressure on this gutsy player as the lone spearhead became an enormous burden and his success rate gradually diminished.

Lions managed to reach the semi-finals of the Philips Cup, losing unluckily 1-0 to Marconi in Sydney, when once again a combination in the Cole-Paton mould would have made all the difference.

What of next season? Lions look like losing the determined Ontong, who handled the right-back position with great distinction, but a disagreement over terms has resulted in his transfer listing.

Lions are looking at local purchases in Paul Trovalusci (Mareeba United), Kenny Gordon (Southside Eagles) and Steve Konstainou (St.



TONY SCANLAN LEAPS HIGH.

George from the Queensland State League).

Coach Matt Carson, who did a tremendous job with what was available, is certain to be pressing hard for a scheming midfielder and two good wingers to turn what he now has into a likely top four contender in 1981.

Finally to one expected big announcement early in 1981 when Lions hope to secure the best credentialed guest player ever to hit these shores since the PSL started.



SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO

CANBERRA CITY

The ballyhoo has ended, the post-mortems have been held and Canberra City directors and fans reflect on a season that began full of promise but ended with self-recrimination, dissatisfaction and disenchantment.

Nobody can point the finger at any one cause. Neither can any one individual be blamed.

For Canberra, 1980 began in a blaze of publicity as former club secretary Max Talbot announced a string of new signings.

From across the Tasman came Duncan Cole and Richard Wilson; from Brisbane came Tony Brennan. St George sold its notable O'Shea brothers, John, Michael and Robert.

But players closest to home — Monaro's Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri — proved hardest to get and finally City went to an Australian record double transfer fee of the better part of \$50,000 to acquire their services.

The transfer bills mounted over \$100,000 — but fans hoped the much-revamped squad under coach Vic Fernandez would finally achieve the success that had always eluded Canberra.

They began with a bang. At the end of the first month Canberra were the PSL leaders.

Giampaolo looked good, Valeri tried hard, the O'Sheas proved conscientious clubmen and Kiwis Cole and Wilson were magnificent acquisitions at remarkably little cost.

Then the bubble burst.

City were still doing well away from home — but in front of the Bruce Stadium terraces, their form was invariably dismal.

Canberra must have the PSL's worst home record.

In four PSL seasons the team has won but nine — just nine — home games. Their first year, 1977, was the best of them when three home wins were achieved — but only two home wins a season have been possible since.

As the rot set in and City went five games without a point, Vic Fernandez resigned, ex-player John Brown accepted the caretaker coach's role and for a time the team looked good.

And one must here point the finger. The team proved with total effort from all of the squad it was capable of beating or holding the best the PSL has to offer.

But why only occasionally does the squad perform totally? Too many players who haven't the club's best interest at heart must be disciplined — or removed.

The Board must back the coach — totally.

The internal battle between president Charlie Perkins and secretary Max Talbot didn't help; neither did, first, Fernandez's resignation, then Talbot's and then Perkins's.

Directors Harris, Evans and Falko also threw in the towel, but John Brown plugged on. New directors were found. The team still managed to hold or beat the best like Marconi, Sydney City and South Melbourne but disgrace themselves against the likes of Blacktown City.

The end result was still their best placing — 10th — two places better than ever before.

But 10th! After the \$100,000 outlay, fans had at least expected the team to have challenged for a top four berth.

But as the old saying in Soccer goes — money never bought success. And neither does it buy successful players.

Now Canberra looks for a coach, tries

desperately to trade its way out of financial trouble, has Danny Moulis, Michael Milovanovic and Donald MacLaren on the transfer list — at their own request — and has its much-awaited annual general meeting early in November.

And 1981?

A new coach will command (I feel it should be Frank Maccarone who has offered to coach free of charge) and perhaps one or two experienced players have still to be found and more youngsters given their chance.

Congratulations to Duncan Cole, who just pipped Tony Brennan and Roy Stark as the club's 1980 "Player of the Year", while Richard Wilson took out the Supporters' Club award. These two Kiwis earned the reward for a year of sterling service.

Do they have other mates willing to cross the Tasman? If they do, City should grab them — immediately.

Hopefully the new year will be a success.

The dwindling crowds demand it.

PSL Goalscorers — 1980

Terry Byrne	8
Baz Giampaolo	7
Walter Valeri	7
John O'Shea	4
Don MacLaren	3
Duncan Cole	1

Note: Canberra has now scored 109 PSL Goals in 4 years. 29 of them have been scored by Byrne.

Crowds — 1977 to 1980

1977 23,150 Highest; Marconi 2,700; Lowest, Mooroolbark, 1,300
1978 65,175 Highest; Marconi 8,450; Lowest, Sydney City 3,300
1979 53,951 Highest; Brisbane Lions 7,510; Lowest, Sydney City 1,650
1980 51,810 Highest; Marconi 8,854; Lowest, Leichhardt 1,590

Appearances (PSL only)

Player	1980	Total 77/80
John O'Shea	26	26
Walter Valeri	25 (5 as sub)	25
Danny Moulis	24	94
Duncan Cole	24	24
Robert O'Shea	23 (1 as sub)	23
Tony Brennan	23 (5 as sub)	23
Terry Byrne	22 (1 as sub)	72

Mike Milovanovic	60
Richard Wilson	21
Seb. Giampaolo	21 (4 as sub)
Donald MacLaren	20 (7 as sub)
Roy Stark	17
Harry Williams	17 (1 as sub)
Isaac Farrell	16 (3 as sub)
Mike O'Shea	7 (1 as sub)
Steve Hoszowski	5
John Brown	1 (1 as sub)

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

Last year's champions added to their trophy collection, winning the Philips Cup for the 1980 season. The team had its fair share of "ups and downs" this year before beating Heidelberg in a replay of the Cup Final at Marconi by a comfortable 3-0.

After the first round loss to Sydney City at the Sports Ground (1-2), Marconi played with purpose and composure befitting the champions to concede only 5 goals in the next nine games and suggest they would not relinquish the title without a fight.

backline to Muir, had a fine understanding with Prskalo to complement a very strong defence.

Change in the backline produced some shocking results — 15 goals were conceded in the next seven games and Marconi kept sliding down the table. This reshuffled Marconi de-

tional duties causing the damage. Les Scheinflug insisted that it was very hard to lift players' enthusiasm for League games after some great performances by his men with the national team.

Some insisted that the absence of star player Roberto Vieri

membered, since both finished in front of Marconi on the League table.

Alan Maher had a memorable year in goal and was given praise by Rudi Gutendorf, the national coach. Almost forgotten as a chance for the national team, Alan will go on tour with



Mark Jankovics, who had a great game for the Australian XI against A.C. Milan, shapes up for a dangerous run.

However, their defence was reshuffled with the arrival of Jim Muir and the usually rock hard rearguard started to wilt.

Don't get me wrong; it is not Jimbo Muir that I point my finger at. He is a fine player and certainly gave outstanding service to Adelaide City before moving to Sydney.

John Russell, the man who lost his place in the

fence had to go through a period of settling down before they emerged as a chance for the title in the closing stages of the premiership.

It is during this period of settling down that I believe Marconi lost the Philips League title which they earned in style in 1979.

There was some talk of players from Marconi committed to interna-

was the reason for the slump!

Maybe the combination of all the above caused the unusual mid-season demise that in the end denied Marconi a chance to finish better than fourth place.

Still, Marconi won the Cup and on the way managed to convincingly subdue Sydney City (2-0); then Heidelberg in the final (3-0), and that was an achievement that will be re-

membered by the national team this week.

His rise this season is due to some fine coach-



Marconi-Fairfield winger, Peter Sharne.

ing work put in by Ron Corry, the ex-national team keeper.

Brogan, Muir, Prskalo and Cant showed patches of brilliance but also managed to put in some atrocious performances.

This inconsistency at the back needs a remedy before Marconi can regain its place at the top.

Midfield, one of the finest in the land with ample speed, skill and enthusiasm, had its ups and downs. Gary Byrne was the only "fixture" in Marconi's engine room, while Henderson, Raskopoulos, Mariani, Lindsay and, every now and then, Roberto Vieri partnered Byrne.

Creativity was definitely lacking in this department and for that reason I fail to under-

stand why Vieri was missing from the team. His legs may not be as fast as they used to be; his defensive effort may not reach the 50 per cent mark, but his attacking flair and ability to score from free-kicks just outside the box were invaluable.

Peter Sharne, the "Fairfield Express" almost cried after one game at Bosley Park. "I didn't play well. I don't know what has gone wrong" he said. My view is that the explosive Sharne did not get the service to capitalise on his speed and Roberto Vieri was the man who could have done that job to perfection.

With Mark Jankovics and Eddie Krnecovic lurking around the penalty area it was imperative that the engine room did not fail. But it did. Instead of using space to send the three speedsters galloping toward goal, Marconi's midfielders "carried" the ball to opponents losing the necessary thrust.

Marconi finished second top goalscoring team, mainly due to outstanding ability from Jankovic and Krnecovic in front of goal.

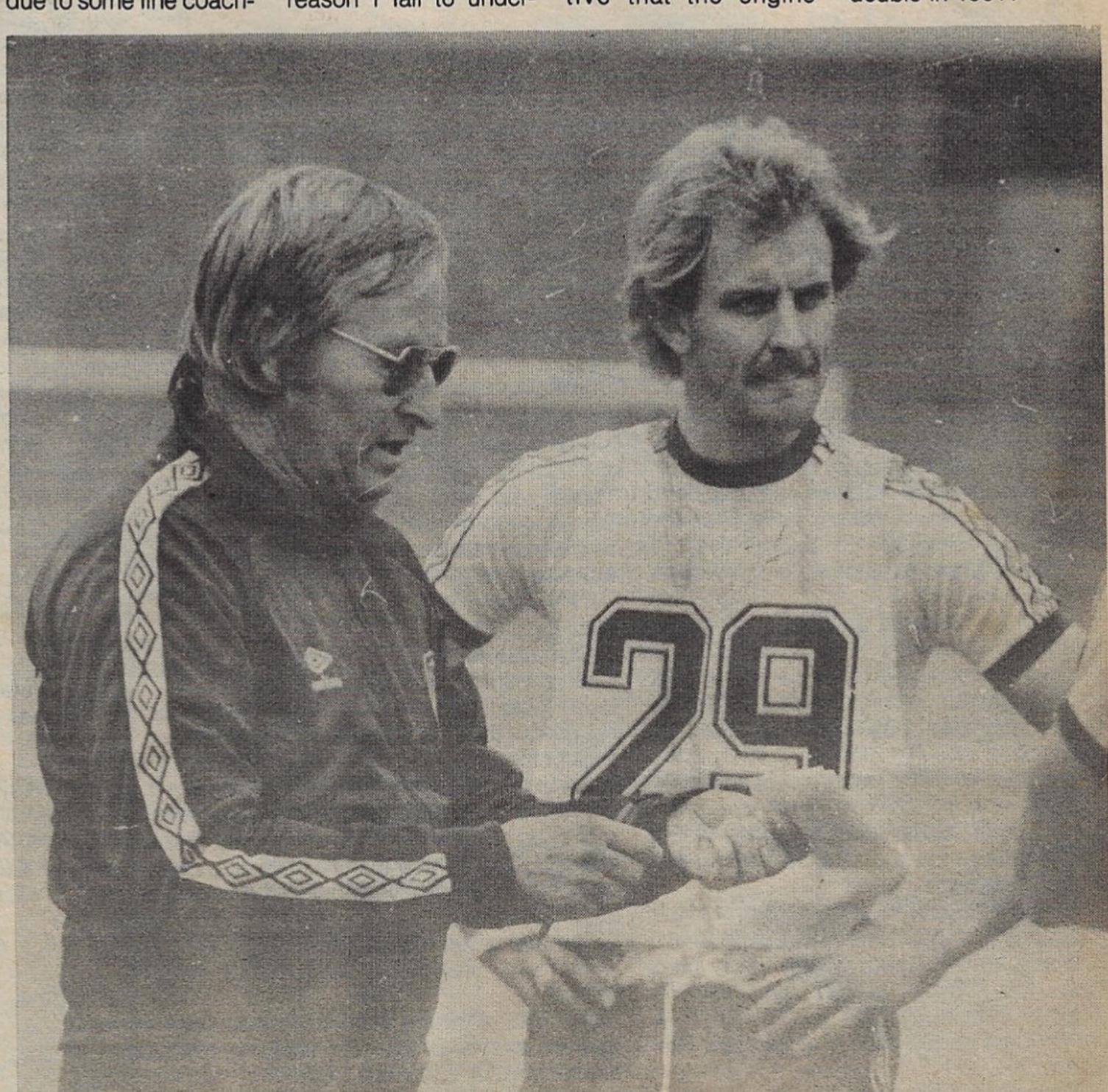
It is in this department that Marconi is strong. Speed, enthusiasm, height, it is all there. Some work should be done to improve the ball control of our most feared attackers and I am sure that world class would not be far away.

So 1979 was the Year of the League and 1980 the Year of the Cup. Will Marconi achieve the double in 1981?



ROBERTO VIERI

GARY COLE



TONY HENDERSON WITH NATIONAL COACH RUDI GUTENDORF.

JIM CAMPBELL

for the big game
Globe
Marconi

BERGERS DO VICTORIA PROUD

By GREG BLAKE

It took 40 matches, a lot of hard slog and a ton of character but Heidelberg United, so long the bridesmaids, finally and deservedly won their first PSL competition trophy in 1980.

And what a way to win the Top Four series, by thrashing their bogey side Sydney City 4-0, in front of not only 11,000 people in Canberra but to thousands throughout the country on national television.

Perhaps it's fitting that the swashbuckling style that averaged them two goals per game (total 80) during the year was to return to them in the game that counted.

But if their hairsbreadth defeats in the league, Philips and Ampol Cups were inexplicable, so too was the complete reversal of form that saw them crush the Slickers in Canberra.

Such is the enigmatic Heidelberg United.

For a time it seemed United were destined to become the Arsenal of Australia by losing two Cup Finals in a fortnight.

Fortunately, the spirit and determination of the team was such that they were able to reproduce their very best form for their final two games of the year — 4-1 v Sth Melbourne and 4-0 v Sydney City.

And again I maintain that at their best no team in the country can touch them.

Unlike the champions

Sydney City they couldn't sustain any consistency and this perhaps explains their untimely lapses, both this year and last leaving them as runners-up both seasons.

Certainly the Slickers are not the type of side to concede 7 goals against Brisbane City nor even three against lowly St. George and these are the sort of fatal lapses that lose championships.

But for glorious uncertainty and excitement value Heidelberg beat their rivals hands down.

Four bags of five goals, five of four and seven lots of three is testimony to their willingness to attack. Although their cultured break-away game is not always appreciated by opposition supporters.

Overall Heidelberg's small 16 men squad did Victoria proud in 1980.

In Jim Tansey and the underrated Arthur McMillan they possess two of the finest attacking fullbacks in the league.

Although their unlikely looks, draw comment from opposition fans, neither of the two missed a match this year, nor do they look



HEIDELBERG UNITED — 1980 PSL GRAND FINAL WINNERS

likely to lose their place in the foreseeable future.

In John Yzendoorn, the Bergers have found as near as anyone's come to finding the complete player within Australia.

He played most of the season as sweeper with United, but his duties with both State and National teams have shown him to be at home in any role he is asked to fill.

Unfortunately injuries got the better of him later on, but Heidelberg's strength is such that his replacement was a player with some 75 PSL games experience, Bob Provan.

Provan, slotted in surprisingly well and did

his job in his usual calm manner as did the Bergers evergreen captain Pat Bannon.

Bannon is a revelation, not only content to hold his place in the country's premier competition — full of players 15 years his junior — but still able to actually dominate and inspire the whole Heidelberg defence.

His destruction of some young upstart strikers during the season, was a delight and if he was to retire today the memory of his mastery over Mark Trener in the Grand Final would be a fitting tribute to his talents and contribution to the Bergers over many years.

In goal, young Jeff Olver won his two year battle to take over as number one choice late in the season.

Contrary to popular opinion, Olver won his place on his own merits actually taking over three weeks before Yanka Banovic left for Derby County.

Although at 19 he has the world at his feet, he knows his own weakness but is willing to work hard to succeed and I have no doubt he will.

In midfield young Socceroo Theo Selimedes had his best ever season.

He learnt his art well under the watchful eyes of Len McKendry and along with Jim Campbell and Jim Rooney was instrumental in the team's success.

Rooney is another to overcome Old Father Time, in fact he seems to have matured with age.

His omission from the National squad is a deci-

sion that Rudi Gutendorf might live to regret.

Campbell, United's best player in 1980, looks set for a career in much the same vein as Rooney's.

His non-stop running, pin-point passing and goal scoring prowess was a constant headache for anyone given the unenviable task of playing on him.

In the absence of Rooney his old midfield compatriot Ken Taylor made a welcome return to the first team and when called upon was as reliable as ever.

If the rumors of retirements and transfers around the club are correct both he and the promising Charlie Yankos can expect plenty of first team duty in 1981.

Andrew Bozikas took some early season batterings but came out of them much the wiser. A touch of aggression combined with his silky skills helped him turn on some memorable performances throughout the year.

His understudy Jim Williams appeared as a substitute on many occasions and although not able to make a big impression, did enough to suggest he will be an asset in the future.

If a video tape of the Grand Final were to be sent overseas I would have no hesitation in suggesting that the blond bomber Gary Cole and Jamie Paton as a package deal would be worth a conservative \$1/2 million.

The pair scored a mammoth 53 goals between them this season, with the underrated Paton proving a perfect foil for the big bustling Cole.

On their day, both as a pair or individually, Cole (29 goals) and Paton (24) are as lethal as anything Australia has produced in recent years.

Their coach Len McKendry stepped out of the frying pan and into the fire when he took up his post at United earlier in the season.

He had earned a fine reputation as State coach and understandably his magic touch was expected to rub off at Heidelberg also.

After finishing as runners-up in three competitions his critics multiplied but for my money, he did an outstanding job.

Certain aspects of his coaching stand out in my mind.

He taught part-timers how to behave and play like professionals, perhaps best illustrated by their comeback from

the dead to win the Grand Final.

He earned the players' respect not only through his coaching methods but through his deep and obvious love, perhaps even obsession, for the game.

Not only have players like Selimedes and Olver blossomed under him, but older heads have readily admitted to discovering new aspects to their game that had gone untapped before McKendry.

He has plucked players like Yzendoorn, Paton and Williams from obscurity before anyone else had recognised what talent was languishing away in the depths of the State League.

Finally, and most importantly, he engendered a team spirit second to none of any Heidelberg coach since the inception of the PSL four years ago.



JIM CAMPBELL



GARY COLE

PROUD PREMIERS FROM BONDI

By ALEX VESIC

The title has gone to Bondi for the second time in four years and I don't think you'll find many who will complain about that.

Sydney City had to overcome a strong challenge to grab the title, and whilst Heidelberg United fought hard to overcome that one-point deficit with six rounds to go, South Melbourne and Marconi also had an outside chance of getting away with the title.

In 1976, Sydney City finished level on points with Marconi but managed to win the title on goal difference.

In the meantime, this side featured prominently in the top four series winning on two occasions and finalists three years in a row.

What is it about this team that makes it a consistently strong contender for the top honours in the Philips Soccer League?

Most critics would immediately point out that City has one of the most experienced line-ups in the League, thus title-chasing becomes fairly easy. I'd agree with that to a point. After all, the players do make a successful team if the expertise and the experience is there, but there are other aspects that one must forget.

Several people in the



don't ever forget that ever willing player-coach Eddie Thomson ran a very neat machine that in the end took the honours.



TODD CLARKE

That happy Bondi home created the base for happy team. If you add the playing strength of Sydney City you have the right ingredients that deserve and usually win titles.

Todd Clarke in goal had a superb season. His concentration and ability to command to his defenders from the line, as well as his reflexes were top class. Tony Pezzano, the replacement keeper is an exciting prospect and with age on his side, should keep Clarke on his toes next season.

Kevin Mullen and Ian Bruce were strong in defence and an asset to their attack with strong overlapping runs. Kevin might have been over-enthusiastic with his tackling at times, but after all a full-back has to be at times; he paid in full for his indiscretion.

Central defence boasted no less than four good players and this was certainly the success story of this team. Spanos, Thomson, O'Connor and Gomez could fill any position at the back giving their coach, Thomson little to worry about.

The strength of the team however, was in midfield. Stevenson, Barnes and Boden are class players and certainly the dominant part of the team. It was their

creativity that helped City win many close matches and with Ian Souness always ready to take his place in the team in case of injury we find yet again this enormous depth so essential in a title-winning combination.

Kenny Boden, known to most as "Magic" Boden must surely regard his move from Newcastle to Sydney City as the best in his career.

His magic was on show during the championship. If we add the number of goals he scored this year for the side, then it is easy to see why Bondi administrators are still beaming over the purchase of this fine player.

Joe Watson played an enormous part in the attack with fine runs and baffling foot work. Trenter started with the Sydney City team, then moved to Newcastle, before returning to Bondi. His strength is in the air and he has yet reach his top.

Terry Smith, prolific goalscorer, Hilton Silva, the wizard of the Soccer ball, and young Jim Patikas, one of the best prospects to come to the Soccer scene, added a lot of spice to this the Slickers attack consistently among the best in the country.

Hail the 1980 champions; hail Sydney City.



JOE WATSON

AUSTRALIA'S TOP SOCCER STATION — 2CN

When all the gains and losses of the 1980 season are balanced, one "plus" that stands starkly clear in the Canberra area is the coverage that has occurred this year by the local Australian Broadcasting Commission station — 2CN — 1440.

In 1979, Soccer was the subject of reports from Bruce Stadium at half-time and full-time.

This year, former Canberra City director, Bernie Harris, has steadily built up the service to the point where it now is the most comprehensive offered by any station in Australia.

The involvement of 2CN in Soccer culminated in a six-hour broadcast from Bruce Stadium of the grand final between Heidelberg United and Sydney City.

It broadcast live from noon. Station personality Rod Henshaw played

music and no fewer than 10 interviews were conducted before the match with players, Soccer personalities, club officials and the PSL's John Frank.

Martin Royal, the ABC's "Mr Soccer", flew from Sydney for the day and was joined by Harris for a complete, uninterrupted description of the grand final. In addition, after the game, Heidelberg's captain, Pat Bannon, participated in an in-depth interview on the match. The broadcast concluded just after six p.m.

In an interview after the final, John Frank was full-

some in his praise of the activities of 2CN in Soccer, pointing to the fact that the station led all others in Canberra with giveaways for the grand final and promotions associated with it.

Harris commenced his work with 2CN at the start of the season as Canberra City's publicity director. Following his resignation from the board on 2 May, allegedly as a protest at the events which led to Victor Fernandez turning in his job as coach of Canberra City, Harris continued as the Soccer commentator for 2CN concentrating on Canberra City's home and away matches, but also covering local ACT Soccer Federation games when the PSL team's commitments permitted.

Harris has two preview sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings, a studio interview on Friday

afternoon and a similar preview and news session on Saturday afternoon. On Bruce Stadium match days, he previews the home game at 2.30 p.m., describes the game from 3 p.m., and provides a local summary as well as taking part in Martin Royal's Soccer round-up Sunday evenings.

For away matches, Harris travels with the team and in a telephone link with the studio in Canberra, reports throughout the afternoon on how the local side is performing.

In recent weeks, he has had a five minute segment explaining changes to the PSL, summer Soccer, television coverage, etc.

Under the guidance of programme manager, Bob Hailstone, 2CN has achieved the highest ratings of any ABC station in Australia and is second in the ratings among five sta-



ABC MAN MARTIN ROYAL IN HIS FAMILIAR ROLE AS COMPERE OF THE ASFA — PHILIPS "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" FUNCTION.

tions. There is a heavy emphasis on sport at the weekends.

Harris believes that 2CN has been more than generous to Soccer in its coverage and believes the sta-

tion will play an important role in descriptions of the World Youth Cup series later in the year. He covered the Australia v Mexico international in Sydney for the station.

"Martin Royal was most impressed with the involvement by the station here, and visiting Soccer officials are always taken aback by the promotion of the code on the station," he added.

HOW THE REFEREES ARE REVOLTING

By "MERCURY" MURPHY

Illawarra Soccer clubs could have a strike on their hands if they don't agree to a wage rise for referees before the start of next season.

The referees asked for a 12 percent increase during the recent ISA annual general meeting but didn't get a very good reception.

Two clubs did support the referees — Fairy Meadow and Bomaderry — but their colleagues claim they are only trying to get on the good side of the whistlers for 1981.

Referees' president Alan Walton told ASW yesterday he feels the referees have every right to seek a rise — the first in two years.

He said to start off a referee is up for about \$100 just for a uniform: then he has to pay for his own petrol as there are no expenses handed out.

"You could have the case where a referee lives at Warilla and is appointed to a game at Helensburgh so that fellow is up for plenty of expenses," Walton said.

"We are losing referees every year and we have to make it a little bit attractive to new recruits; they won't join up just to lose on the deal."

A Russell Vale delegate told the meeting that he feels an increase will bring about an influx of new referees — men who don't know the rules and are looking for a part-time job.

Walton replied to this by saying there aren't many people who would take on a part-time job where the money is poor and they are abused and sometimes attacked into the bargain.

When asked if he thought the referees might go on strike over their claims, Walton said he hopes it doesn't get to that stage.

"I did feel that we will definitely lose members if the clubs don't pay us more and of course the longer it goes the more militant the referees will become."

Daptō have appointed Dick Evans as coach for 1981 and Coniston officials are not exactly in raptures over their choice.

The Illawarra judiciary board has revealed there were 118 players sent off in district games last season.

This represents an average of about 3.5 players in each of the 34 teams.

In addition, an amazing 653 players were given yellow cards ... hardly an imposing record.

The move at the start of the season to fine clubs \$20 for every player sent off didn't have much impact.

What it did do was put an extra \$2360 in the Association coffers.

Tarrawanna goalkeeper Graeme Edwards had a mixed season in Soccer but he is making up for that with the cricket bat.

His soccer team missed out on the semi-finals after making the grand final the previous two seasons, but they managed to take the Bampton Cup.

Edwards intends winning the Illawarra batting averages judging by the way he has started off.

In the first round against Keira he hammered 154 runs and then punished the University bowlers when he scored 86 in the second round.

Evans was assistant coach to Robert Fryer at Coniston last season and had a lot to do with the many promising juniors at that club.

Now he is with Daptō, Evans is certain to attract a few of those players to follow him.

Daptō have been something of an enigma to Illawarra Soccer, having spent thousands of dollars since their entry into premier league with nothing to show.

The club committee hopes Evans is the man to get the results, but he will be trying to do what many others have failed to achieve.

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Wollongong seems certain to have two teams in the Sydney first division next season — Wollongong United and Fairy Meadow.

United have decided to have another crack at the league while Fairy Meadow look sure of entry after missing out on a place in the Coca-Cola State League.

United have missed out in a play-off and by a single point in their two years of first division and feel the third time will prove it.

Coach Mike Johnson has told the club he will complete his two-year contract with United and already is looking around for players.

He will need a few because striker Glenn Fontana, winger Roberto Giraldo and defender Ray Vlietstra have been asked to sign with Wollongong City in the PSL.

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Currently in England signing his quota of four players for Wollongong City, coach Ken Morton showed his ability at Woonona Oval recently.

Playing in a benefit match, Morton scored a goal in the "Golden Oldies" 4-1 win over Illawarra youth squad.

Playing striker in the first half, Morton scored a fine

individual effort and showed very nice touches.

The old boys proved too strong for the "kids" and led 3-1 at the break, Victorian "import" Dave Rigby returning to Woonona to bag two goals.

A former South Coast United striker, Rigby was staying with Terry Hurley and decided to have a busman's holiday.

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West-Figtree could have a giant-size problem at the start of the new season.

Grand finalists last season and without doubt one of the strongest and most progressive clubs in Illawarra, they may be without a ground.

The ISA told four clubs recently to get new grounds and facilities — or find themselves out of premier league.

Unfortunately Figtree haven't had the money to start work on the ground allocated to them at Johnson Park, so what will happen?

If district officials carry out their threat Figtree will be in the first division and will no doubt win the premiership.

Club officials are hoping Wollongong Council will help them out of their predicament as they claim they have enough workers to develop the ground if labor is the main requirement.

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This is the time of the year for awards, so we will have a good look at the season that was in Illawarra.

TEAM OF THE YEAR: Fairy Meadow.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Alan Devenney. (Fairy Meadow).

TOP REFEREE: Rex Leighton.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Natch Vardaroff (Wollongong United).

BLUE OF THE YEAR: Un-named referee who awarded off-side against a team in the second half when he forgot they had changed ends.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Phil Matias (Coniston).

COACH OF THE YEAR: Daryl Glover (Fernhill).

NEWCASTLE GOALSCORERS

Heys	8
Jones	5
Senkalski	3
McClelland	3
Trenter	2
Tredinnick	2
Drinkwater	2
Curran	1
Burrows	1
Cowburn	1
Deakin	1
Mason	1
Kamasz	1
Marshall (Ad. City)	1
Total	32



Wollongong City expected to have Craig Mason playing with them in the Philips League next year. The rugged mid-fielder has decided to stay with Newcastle K.B. United.

CANBERRA CITY PULLS OUT OF A.C.T LEAGUE

By Steve Burns

Canberra City will drop out of State League Canberra Soccer to concentrate on the new experimental P.S.L. Youth League in 1981.

Canberra City's director, Mr David Dillon has said that he expected the New South Wales Federation of Soccer Clubs would approve the formation of the new league (eastern division) at its annual general meeting in Sydney on Nov 10.

Mr Dillon said he understood that the League

would kick-off with as many as 10 teams.

Each of Sydney's five P.S.L. teams would field a youth side, as would Newcastle, Wollongong, and Canberra with the possibility of other teams coming from such "SURPRISED" quarters as the new Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

He said that each team would be allowed a maximum of four over-age players.

"This will overcome the problem of clubs who have a number of players who were over 19 but not quite ready for regular games in Australia's national competition".

Other P.S.L. clubs have so far not joined the new Australian Youth League because of the cost involved.

They were also concerned about the initial Under 19 concept and it is this concern that has led to the addition of four over-

aged players being allowed in each team.

However, it is regarded as only a matter of time before all P.S.L. teams compete in the new League.

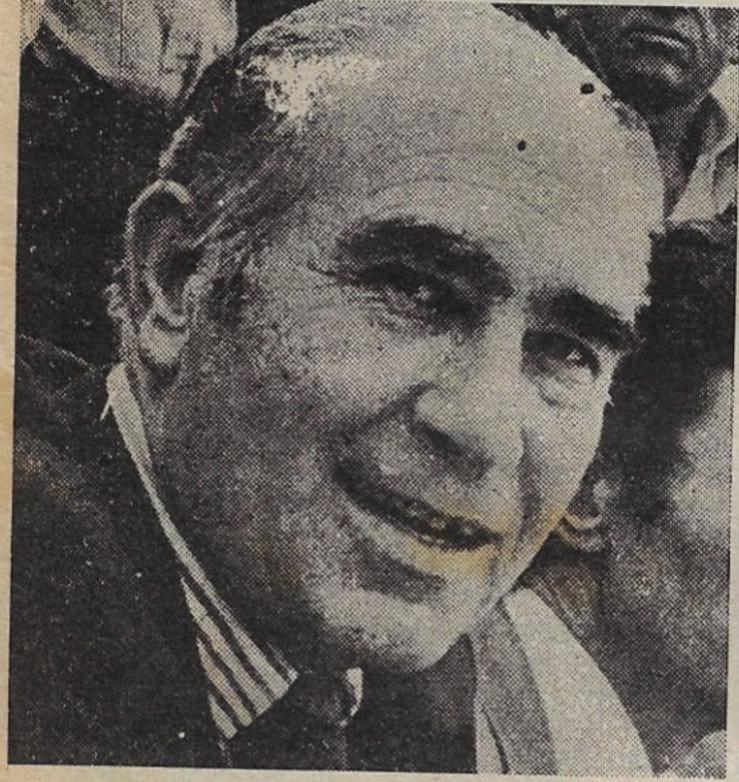
Mr Dillon has said that he appreciates that some clubs would have difficulty in retaining a relationship with their respective State Federation as demanded in existing P.S.L. rules.

Canberra City would still retain its membership to the A.C.T.S.F. but as far as playing was concerned, it would do so at the Canberra Amateur League level.



Coke adds life to Soccer

SIR ALF BOOTED OUT!



Sir Alf Ramsey is the latest British Soccer VIP to have his Greek connection severed.

Top Athens club Panathinaikos hired Sir Alf less than a year ago to be "technical adviser."

Last week, he was fired. Panathinaikos have suffered a few setbacks recently and the former Eng-

land manager — a World Cup hero in 1966 — is being blamed for some of their problems.

Sir Alf Ramsey is the man who advised the Greek club to appoint Ronnie Allen as coach.

Allen was kicked out after Panathinaikos were beaten 4-0 by Italy's Juventus in the UEFA Cup.

BIG YEAR BUT SO COSTLY

Sunderland had an outstanding 1979-80 season, winning promotion from second to first division.

The club's balance sheet, however, did not reflect a successful year.

Sunderland report a loss of \$1,000,000.

WHERE ARE THE FANS?

Wales are on top of Group Three in the World Cup eliminations with four points from two games — but they cannot attract much crowd enthusiasm.

When Wales gave Turkey a 4-0 hiding in Cardiff, the official attendance was only 11,700.

Team manager Mike England complained: "We are not getting the support we deserve. We've got an outstanding young side. Surely the people of Wales can get behind their team better than this."

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FATHER-SON HEADACHE

Sons should never play for teams managed by their fathers — that's an old football maxim which John Bond defied when he was boss of Norwich City.

John Bond's son, Kevin, is a talented full-back with Norwich, but he always felt pressures because of the family connection.

Now John Bond has gone to Manchester City, young Kevin is finding life much easier at Norwich.

He said: "I only have to worry about justifying myself and not whether I am letting my dad down."

Kevin has no plans to follow the old man to Maine Road. He has a house in Norwich and says he's very happy with the club.

However, there is plenty of Norwich animosity towards Bond senior and there's a danger some could rub off on his son.

Bobby Robson



Ipswich Town also lost money last year, but not nearly so big a loss.

Ipswich were \$170,000 down — compared to a profit the previous year of \$420,000.

One of their biggest debits was \$90,000 wages to an employee, obviously manager Bobby Robson.

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ASTON VILLA ARE TOO SUCCESSFUL

Last week, Aston Villa's players each picked up at least \$2,000 in bonuses . . . in addition to normal wages.

While Villa are on top of the first division, they get a bonus of \$1,200 for every game they win. And they had victories in midweek and on the Saturday.

All this money going out is starting to worry the Aston Villa directors. Believe it or not, crowds are DOWN by about 2,000 at home games even though this is Aston Villa's best season for years.

In fact, there is such a shortage of ready cash that manager Ron Saunders has been told to sell players if he wants to buy any new talent.

So Villa's bonus scheme, designed to reward success, is now penalising manager Saunders. However, he's delighted at the excellent results from his players.



Ron Saunders (above).

SERIOUS LOSS FOR WOLVES

Wolves will be without the services of Scottish international Andy Gray for the next two months.

Gray was injured acci-

dently in a training session and is now in plaster with damaged ligaments in the knee.

Gray cost Wolves more

than \$2,000,000. His absence is a serious blow to Wolves, a team dangerously close to the relegation zone in England's first division.



ANDY GRAY

LEAGUE IS GIVEN TOP PRIORITY

West Ham's promotion ambitions last season were not helped by a great run in the F. A. Cup which eventually brought success in the final at Wembley.

The Hammers are determined to get their priorities right this season.

They had a great 4-0 victory in the European Cup Winners Cup against Romania's Timisoara, a side which eliminated Celtic in the previous round.

West Ham's Trevor Brooking said: "We all want to win the Cup Winners Cup but the lads will not let their minds drift away from the more important target of promotion to first division."

"Luckily, after the Romanian tie, there will be no more European fixtures until next March."

"This will give the team time to build up solid points which we'll need if we are going to win promotion. Then when West Ham have another European tie, we ought to be nicely placed in the League race."



BOND PLANS A CLEAR-OUT AT MAINE ROAD

Now he's settled in with Manchester City, new team boss John Bond wants to clear the decks.

Bond has already sacked reserve coach Dave Ewing and Youth team coach Steve Fleet. His next task will be to transfer several players.



Manager John Bond.

These include Polish star Kaz Deyna, who is wanted by San Diego (U.S.A.) for \$200,000, Dargoslav Stepanovic, who could also go to America, Roger Palmer, Tony Henry, Ray Ranson and the winger who toured Australia with New York Cosmos, Dennis Tueart.

It seems a ruthless clear-out but it's quite normal when a new team boss takes over.

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UK SOCCER RESULTS

POINTS TABLES						DIVISION THREE					
DIVISION ONE						W D L F A Pts					
Aston Villa	11	2	2	13	24	Charlton	11	2	4	9	24
Ipswich	8	5	0	21	6	Chesterfield	10	2	4	33	17
Notts Forest	8	4	1	31	15	Rotherham	8	7	3	24	14
Liverpool	5	2	0	19	19	Sheffield	8	6	3	24	13
Arsenal	7	5	3	20	14	Sheff Utd	9	5	2	12	21
West Brom	7	5	3	19	13	Plymouth	7	6	5	26	20
Match Utd	5	8	2	21	11	Barnsley	7	6	4	24	18
Everton	7	4	4	26	17	Brentford	8	4	6	25	21
Tottenham	5	4	6	21	20	Portsmouth	10	0	6	22	18
Southland	5	4	6	19	18	Walsall	8	2	7	26	25
Birmingham	4	6	2	19	18	Exeter	7	4	7	26	18
Coventry	6	2	7	19	25	Newport	7	2	7	24	16
Stoke	4	6	5	18	25	Blackpool	5	6	7	29	16
Southampton	5	3	7	25	23	Gillingham	4	8	6	14	24
Middlesbro	5	2	0	23	26	Chester	6	3	7	11	13
Wolves	5	2	7	13	19	Oxford	4	6	8	14	25
Leeds	4	3	8	13	23	Fulham	5	4	9	14	22
Manch City	3	4	8	17	28	Millwall	5	4	10	16	13
Norwich	3	4	8	17	29	Carlisle	4	4	9	20	15
Crystal Pal	4	1	10	17	27	Doncaster	9	3	10	16	11
Leicester	4	1	10	11	25	Peterbor	7	6	5	30	24
Brighton	2	4	9	17	30	Bournemouth	7	6	8	24	19
Leeds	5	4	20	21	15	Wimbledon	7	6	7	27	19
Derby	5	5	4	25	21	Crewe	6	6	4	28	22
Bolton	5	4	6	25	21	Bradford	5	7	6	21	17
Luton	5	5	2	29	15	Northampton	8	1	2	27	17
Wrexham	5	5	2	29	12	Rochdale	5	6	7	25	16
Preston	3	7	9	11	17	Scunthorpe	5	6	7	27	16
Cambridge	6	1	8	18	25	Wigan	7	2	7	27	16
Watford	5	2	7	17	20	Port Vale	5	6	7	27	16
Oldham	3	6	6	11	15	Torquay	7	1	9	19	20
Shrewsbury	3	6	6	14	15	Scunthorpe	4	7	7	25	15
Grimsby	2	8	5	13	12	York City	6	3	9	19	25
OPR	3	5	2	18	11	Darlington	6	2	9	21	24
Cardiff	5	1	9	11	22	Bury	5	2	11	26	32
Bristol City	2	5	8	11	20	Halifax	4	7	10	17	29
Bristol Rov	0	7	7	8	21	Hereford	2	7	9	14	29

DIVISION FOUR

DIVISION THREE						DIVISION FOUR					
W D L F A Pts						W D L F A Pts					
Southend	12	2	9	35	12	Lincoln	11	2	9	35	12
Notts County	10	4	1	21	24	Mansfield	11	2	5	2	



CHELSEA KIDS BID FOR PROMOTION

Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst has made several big offers for star players and failed to get them.

This meant he had to make do with a basically young side to push the London team's promotion bid in the second division.

All of a sudden, Chelsea have started winning matches and they've shot up as genuine promotion contenders.

Hurst said: "This is the best run we've had since I joined Chelsea and I'm enjoying every minute of it. It's given me a breathing space."

Hurst concedes that the need to buy new players is not now so urgent, but he warned: "If we pick up a few injuries, this Chelsea squad will be stretched — so I'll keep my eyes and ears open for new talent."

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GEOFF HURST

NO "SHANKS" RETURN

Bill Shankly, the former great boss of Liverpool, has rejected an offer to help Bristol City over their bad patch.

"Shanks" was asked to get things right in the team as a caretaker-manager while City's directors concentrate on reducing a £600,000 overdraft.

He refused. "If it was nearer home, I might have

been tempted," said Shankly.

Bristol City are now investigating Fulham's move to operate a Rugby League team and could follow suit.

ANOTHER FASHANU OFFER REJECTED

Norwich City have a new manager, Ken Brown, who was assistant to John Bond, now at Manchester City.

One of Brown's first big decisions was to firmly reject a huge transfer offer from Leeds United for Justin Fashanu.

Leeds bid \$1,000,000 plus any one of three international players.

Norwich boss Brown told Leeds the offer was \$1,000,000 below what was needed.

Now Leeds will look for a less expen-

sive striker — or lift their offer for Fashanu.

How does the player feel about things? Fashanu said: "I've just signed a new three-year contract at Norwich so I'm obviously happy here. But if Leeds, or any club, wants to offer really big money, I'd be interested. I'm as ambitious as any footballer."

ALEC STOCK NAMES THE GUILTY MEN

What's wrong with British Soccer? That question was put to Alec Stock, who has been a club manager, coach, player and even director, for 45 years. This is Stock's answer, printed in the London Daily Express:-

"As a spectacle, Soccer is hurtling backwards," stormed the man now managing Bournemouth who has served the game proudly with Charlton, Yeovil, Fulham, Arsenal, Orient, QPR, Luton and Roma.

"Who has destroyed our beloved game? Who has provided the dwindling public with a game they are turning their backs on in droves?

"Take a good look at the coaching academies at Lilleshall, Bisham Abbey and other such chambers of horror. That's where the people who have murdered the game over the past 20 years have been churned out.

"All the coaches throughout English Soccer have qualified at the same places and introduced the same ideas."

Stock, a tank commander in the war, angrily attacked the managers and coaches who claim that the football public needs to be educated to appreciate the finer points of the game.

"Educated, my foot!" he exploded.

"The fans want what they have always



ALEC STOCK

wanted — fun, entertainment, excitement — not to be bloody-well educated."

Stock debunked the influence Continental football has had on British football in the last few years.

"We have imported the worst traits of Continental Soccer," he added.

"Four players blocking the middle of the park where all the creative football used to be played, sweepers and all the other coaching

jargon that confuses the game.

"The coaches have much to answer for. I cannot forgive people who are creating the downfall of a game. I have been addicted to it for half a century.

"Why has tackling been outlawed? Not by the fans, because they love tackling, bodily contact, physical challenge.

"The coaches have made it a game for pantries."



ROBSON TIPS IPSWICH FOR THE TITLE

Ipswich Town's fine start to the season is no flash in the pan according to club manager Bobby Robson.

Robson said: "Skill, balance, flair, experience . . . that's what you need if you're going to win a championship."

"We've got the lot at Ipswich. We have what it takes to become England's top team — and the players believe it, too."

"Next January I celebrate my 12th year with the club and I can honestly say I have never had such a talented first team squad as the present bunch."

"But I'm not taking anything for granted. You don't win any prizes for being on top of the League in October and November."

Strangely enough, Ipswich have a large number of left-footed players and in football, they're always precious.

For instance, Alan Brazil, Arnold Muhren, Terry Butcher, Kevin Beattie, Steve McCall,



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Kevin O'Callaghan — even goalkeeper Paul Cooper — are all south-paws!

BROOKING'S INJURY WORRY

One of England's few genuine world-class players, Trevor Brooking of West Ham, is having trouble recovering from a deep-seated groin injury.

Brooking has missed a lot of games this season. He has now been told he'll be at least another fortnight out of action.

There has been talk of an operation but the doctors hope Brooking will get better if he takes a complete rest.

"I've been hoping all along to avoid an operation," said Brooking.

been at Maine Road for nine months.

Reeves cost \$2,500,000. There is still \$1,500,000 owing to Norwich.

GREAT NAME FROM THE PAST

A small news item from an English paper . . . Arthur Rowley has been sacked as manager of Northern Premier League team, Oswestry Town.

Young readers may never have heard of either Rowley or Oswestry Town — and that's a pity.

Arthur Rowley was the greatest goalscorer in English Soccer history.

He scored an amazing 434 goals in the Football League with Fulham, Leicester City and Shrewsbury Town before retiring in 1965.

He was never capped by England although his brother Jack Rowley (Manchester United) was an international.

"POWDER PUFF" FORWARDS

Coventry City boss Gordon Milne doesn't have a high opinion of his three strikers, Gary Thompson, Tom English and Roger van Gool.

After a dreary home display, in which Coventry lost 1-0 to Norwich City, Milne described his forwards as "powder puffs."

"They wouldn't have burst a paper bag," commented the angry Milne.



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